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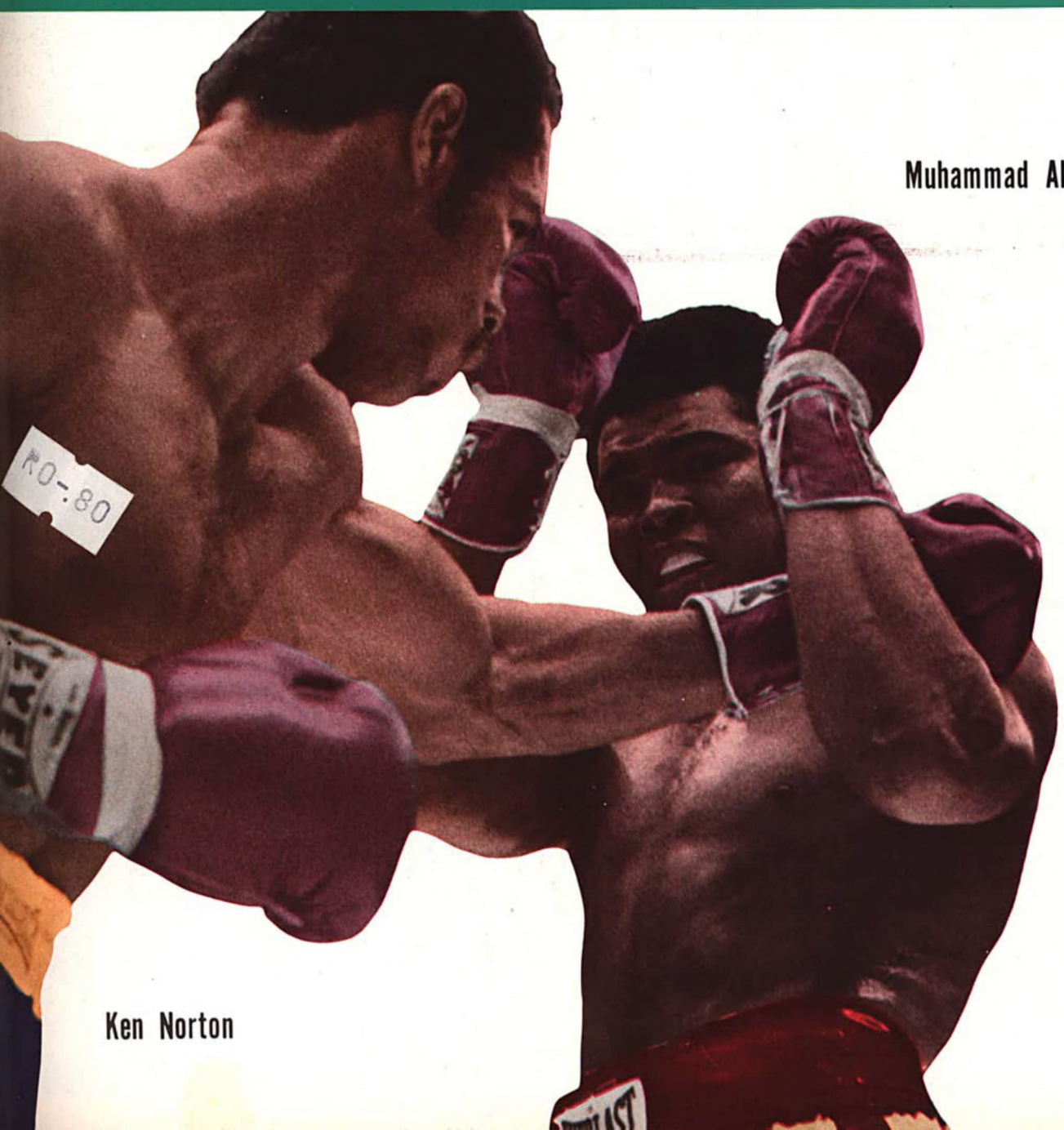

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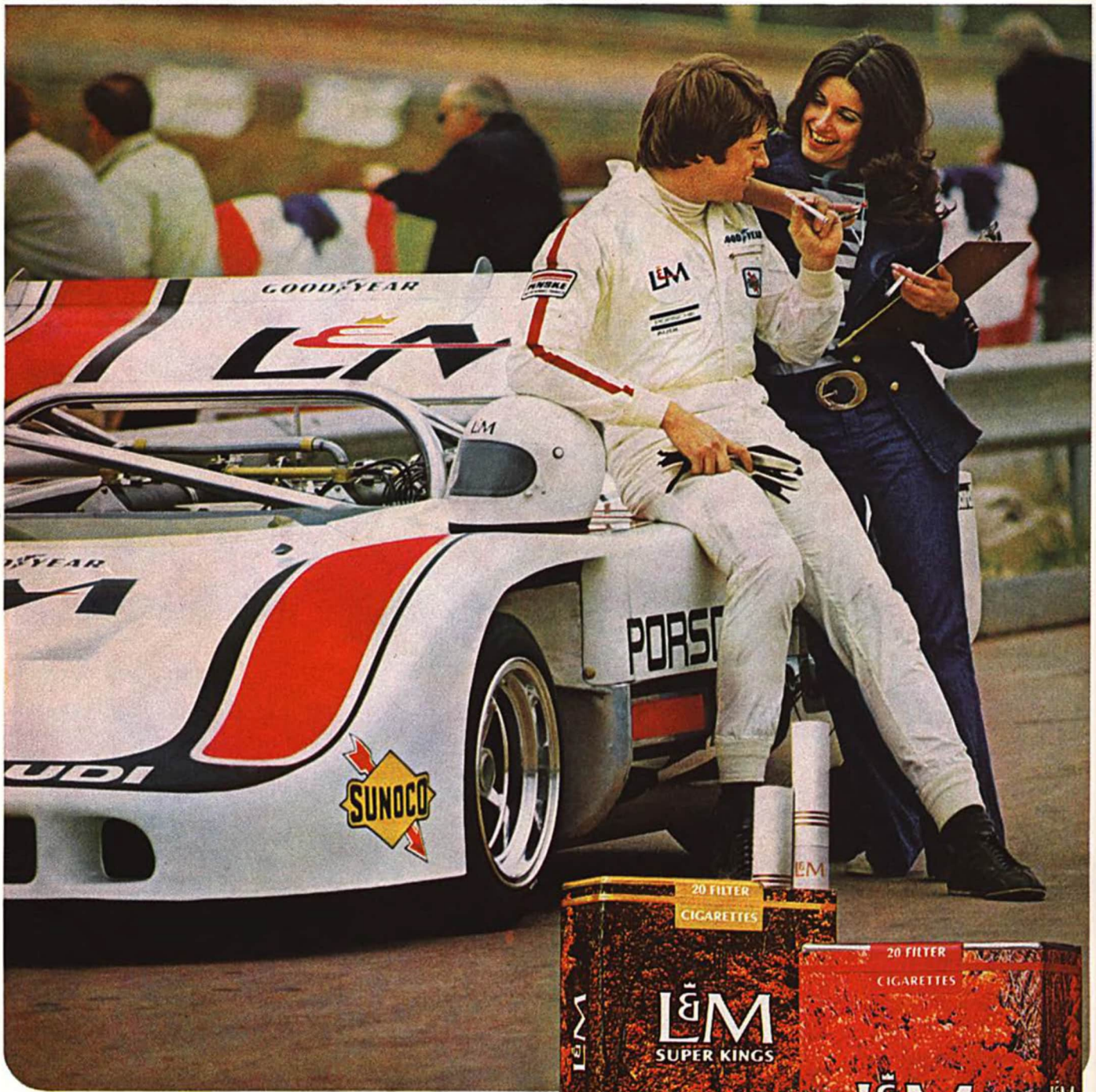

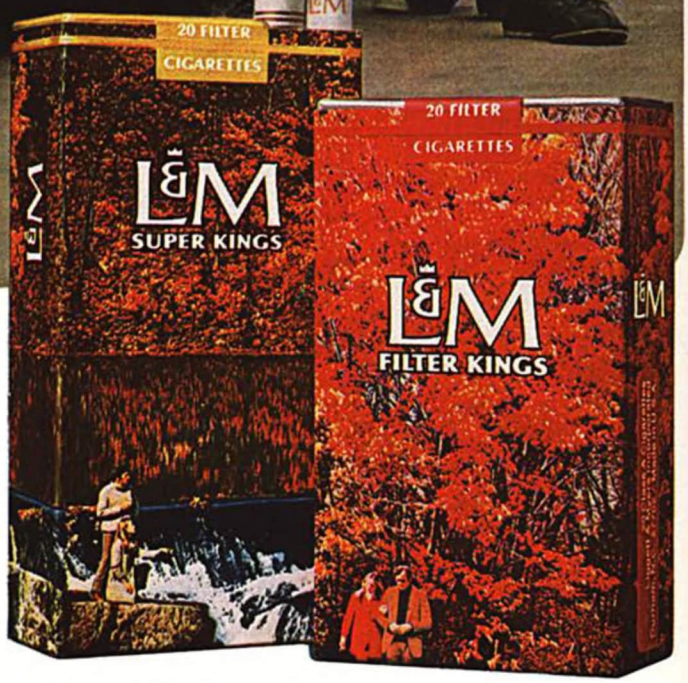

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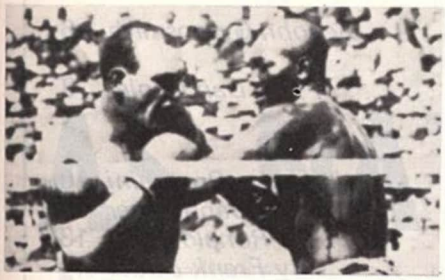

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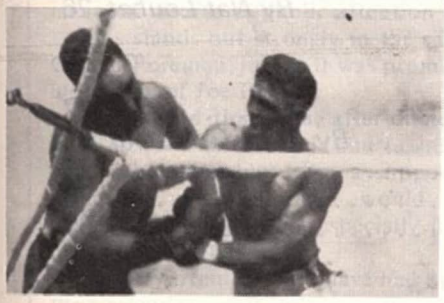

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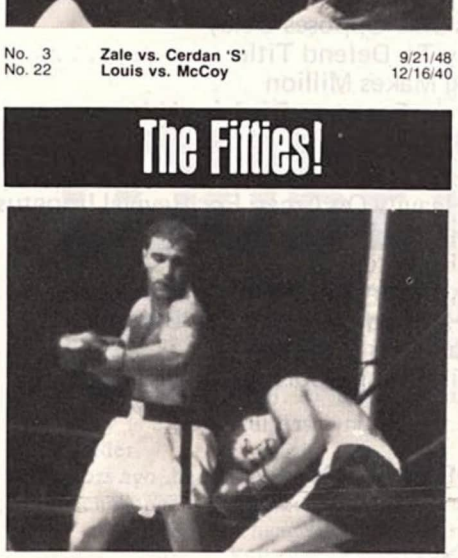

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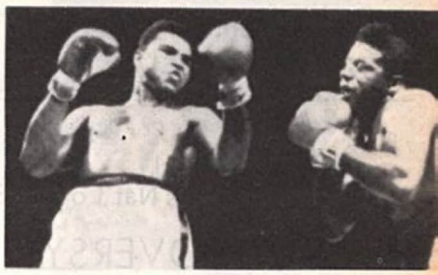

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AS NAT LOUBET SEES IT

IT is scarcely news that times change, and men change with them. It used to be that fighters, especially of the championship category and more so, of the heavyweight species, sought the limelight ruggedly.

Now we often find fighters undermanaged insofar as public attention goes.

This stands out strongly in the case of George Foreman, just as it was prominent in the case of Joe Frazier.

You would think that after demolishing Frazier in two rounds and taking the world championship from a supposedly invincible man, Foreman would have invited public attention, especially in the major fight centers.

Reports from England have had him at the ringside in small clubs over there. Just what Foreman hopes to gain from appearing in minor venues in Britain is difficult to arrive at.

But instead of seeking the public eye, Foreman chooses to be a hermit.

Frazier, too, was hard to find except by those interested in his nightclub activities.

While Ron Olver, a Ring correspondent in London, was hunting for Foreman it was discovered in New York that he had had a talk with Teddy Brenner in Madison Square Garden.

When Frazier, as champion, virtually denied himself to reporters it was explained, for him, that he was a shy man, not seeking publicity. That was plain bunk. He wasn't shy. Certainly not when he was on the road with the Knockouts.

The Ring finally located Frazier in his last American workout as world champion, at Margate N.J. Joe was affable enough then.

Foreman has a lot to learn. Clean publicity is a powerful desideratum for a titleholder.

Years ago, heavyweight champions and their challengers contrived to force sports page attention by engaging in barroom "brawls." John L. Sullivan, in particular, liked to stir up attention in those locales. Even Jim Corbett did not disdain those places where the mahogany glistened.

The Era of the Hermit set in with Floyd Patterson's rise to the heavyweight title.

His virtual fear of being interviewed stemmed from his problem of not fighting top contenders, as engineered by his manager, Cus D'Amato, and the necessity of dodging questions hard to logically answer.

After all these years in the ring, Patterson still is hard to find and difficult to talk to. He has hidden himself in the small college town of New Paltz, N.Y. and there he vegetates, ruminates, and still dreams.

Even Gene Tunney invited publicity. Even the at times morose Jess Willard was ready to talk to any qualified, representative interviewer.

Jack Johnson, of course, was the ideal, the subject par excellence.

He had worthy successors in Jack Dempsey, Max Baer, Jim Braddock, Joe Louis, Ezzard Charles, Jersey Joe Walcott and the unforgettable Rocky Marciano.

Before Cassius Clay (Muhammad Ali) got into trouble with Federal authorities, he was easy to approach, the voluble so-called poet, the easy and entertaining talker, the most eager and successful seeker of publicity in the history of boxing.

Control by the Black Muslims shut him down until the Supreme Court gave Clay free rein again. Despite a fractured jaw, Cassius is talking now.

As Joe Frazier discovered, the world heavyweight championship does not belong to the titleholder of record. It belongs to the public and is on loan to the then current champion.

This fact is passed on to George Foreman and his manager, onetime vaudevillian Dick Sadler. Boxing is no place for hermits.

The more space a champion of any class obtains in newspapers and magazine, the more time he gets on video and radio, the more popular he tends to get and the more money he is worth at the turnstiles.

The champion who neglects the spotlight, the champion who becomes a recluse, is the champion who will be most easily forgotten.

Boxing is one of the world's most glamorous sports and champions thrive on the limelight. Take a page from Muhammad Ali, who has done more for boxing than any fighter in recent years. How? By being aware of the power of being on view and available to interviewers as much as possible.

Muhammad Ali Cassius Clay winces as he's bulled by Ken Norton during their San Diego meeting.

Jaw Buster Norton's Side Opposes Delay If Foreman Is Ready To Defend His Title

By JOHN GREENSMITH

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. – It's steak and lobster now for heavyweight Ken Norton who, until his win over former champion Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay), had been tagged by some self-anointed experts as a "ham and egg fighter."

Meanwhile, back in Cherry Hill, N.J., Ali takes his nourishment through a straw while his shattered jaw mends. Talks about big money fights involving Ali with Joe Frazier or George Foreman have been set aside for the time being and those close to Muhammad admit his future is uncertain, thanks to the punching power of San Diego's former Marine.

The win was a big one for the city of San Diego as well as its adopted son. Despite the fight being shown by a Los Angeles television station that was picked up locally by most, and also carried to some 80,000 homes by cable, a crowd of 11,884 paid $240,792 to watch the battle at the San Diego Sports Arena. The crowd for the most part was hometown and cheered "Norton! Norton!" to drown out the Ali backers.

Norton's win is being shared by many. Trainer Eddie Futch must be credited with having his fighter in excellent condition and for being able to counteract Ali's ring knowledge.

Norton's backers, headed by San Diego businessmen Art Rivkin and Bob Biron, are to be congratulated for their patience and wisdom in financially keeping Norton afloat when times were tough and fights few.

Hypnotist Dr. Michael Dean should share in the accolades for his work preparing Norton mentally.

But the man who deserves credit for taking the fight to Ali, being the aggressor most of the way, doing all the damage (busted jaw included), and being supremely confident and well-conditioned, was, of course, Ken Norton.

It seems strange some members of the media have been swept up by a current of words and film that say Ali would have fought a different fight had his jaw not been broken in the first round.

Another faction will tell of Ali's turning an ankle while doing roadwork on a golf course six days before the fight.

Muhammad did pass up his running the next day and failed to do his work in the gym. But there appeared to be no signs of ankle problems during the fight and the Ali camp never offered a sprain or strain as an excuse.

Comments on the fight from people in and around the Ali camp following the upset bear repeating.

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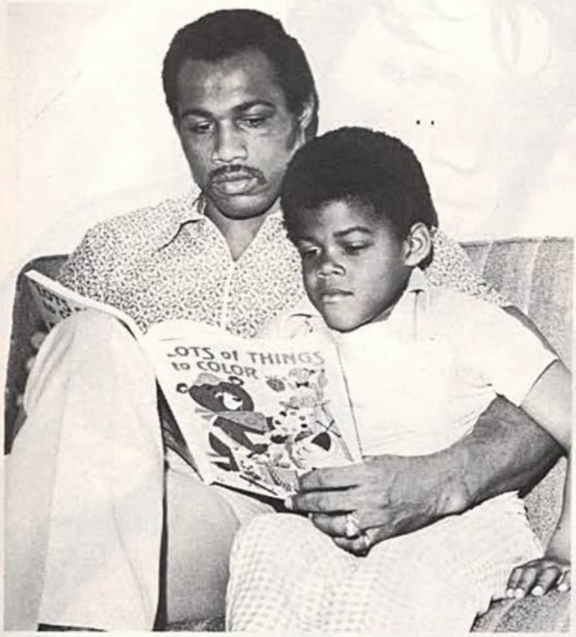
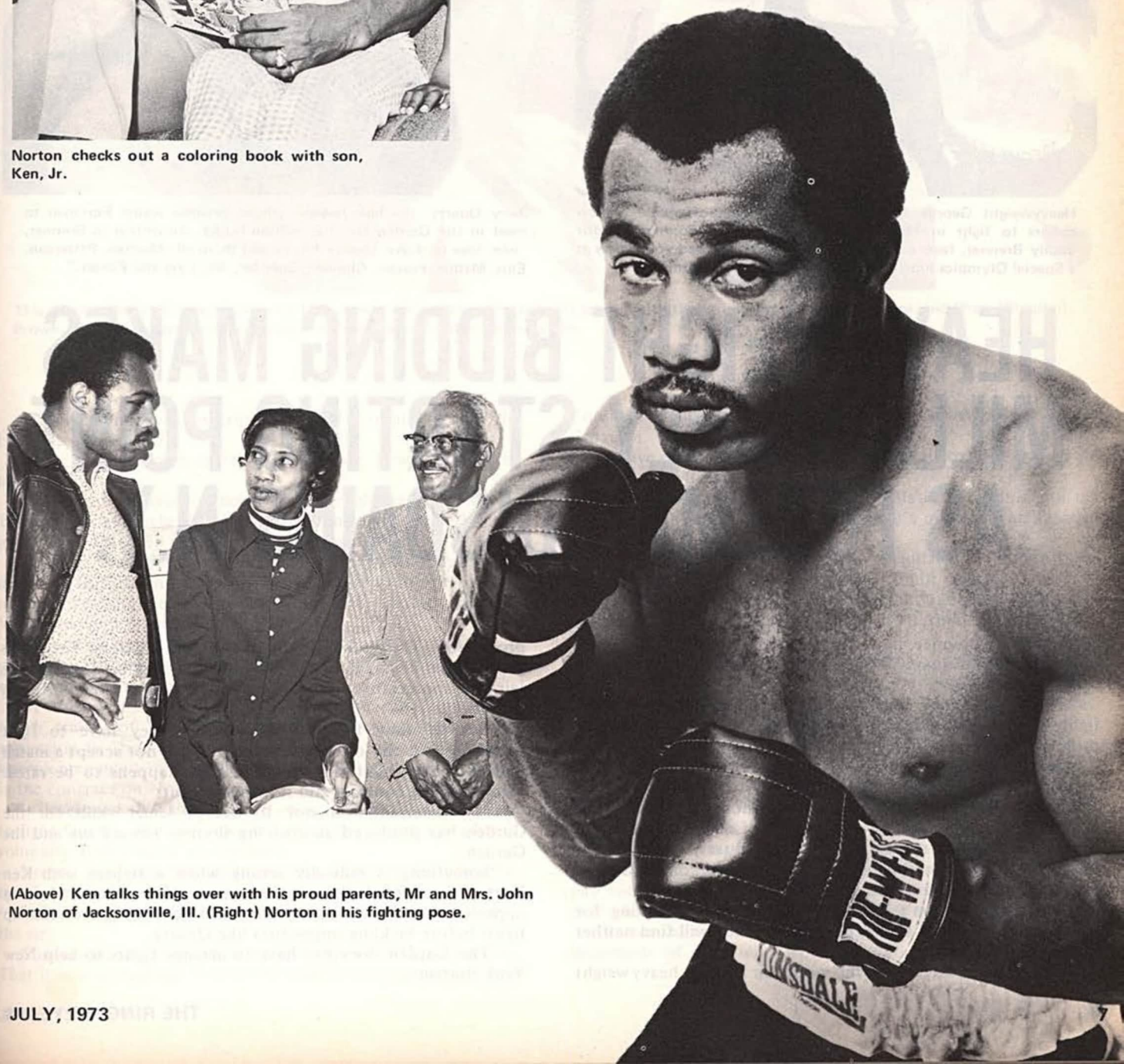
Heavyweight king George Foreman looks over Ken's right as Norton's trainer. Eddie Futch, watches.

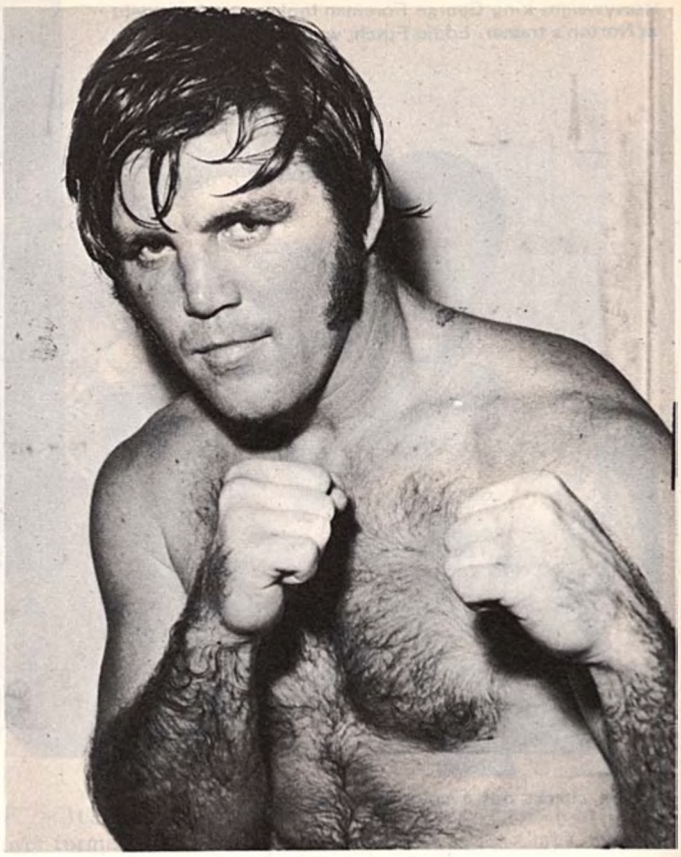


Norton checks out a coloring book with son, Ken, Jr.



(Above) Ken talks things over with his proud parents, Mr and Mrs. John Norton of Jacksonville, Ill. (Right) Norton in his fighting pose.

Heavyweight George Foreman, who has been offered a million dollars to fight in Madison Square Garden by Boxing Director Teddy Brenner, feels the bicep of one of the retarded youngsters at a Special Olympics luncheon at New York's Felt Forum.



Jerry Quarry, the heavyweight whom Brenner wants Foreman to meet in the Garden for that million bucks. According to Brenner, "win, lose or draw, Quarry has fought them all—Machen, Patterson, Ellis, Mathis, Frazier, Chuvalo, Spencer, Ali, Lyle and Foster."

HEAVYWEIGHT BIDDING MAKES MILLION ONLY STARTING POINT AS FOREMAN DISDAINS N.Y.

By DAN DANIEL

TEDDY Brenner, new director of boxing in New York's Madison Square Garden, sat in his office close to a telephone.

"Do I have signed contracts for an important heavyweight fight, with Easter gone and Springtime with us? No I have promises. But no contracts.

"An intolerable situation has developed among the worthwhile heavyweights. Something has to be done about it.

"Important heavyweights with whom I have had negotiations lately indicate a total lack of desire to meet real opposition. There is one exception—Jerry Quarry.

"The youngest in the field with the exception of George Foreman, and the least desired as an opponent, is Jerry.

"The heavies won't like this. But they are looking for sucker opponents and sucker promoters. They will find neither in the Garden.

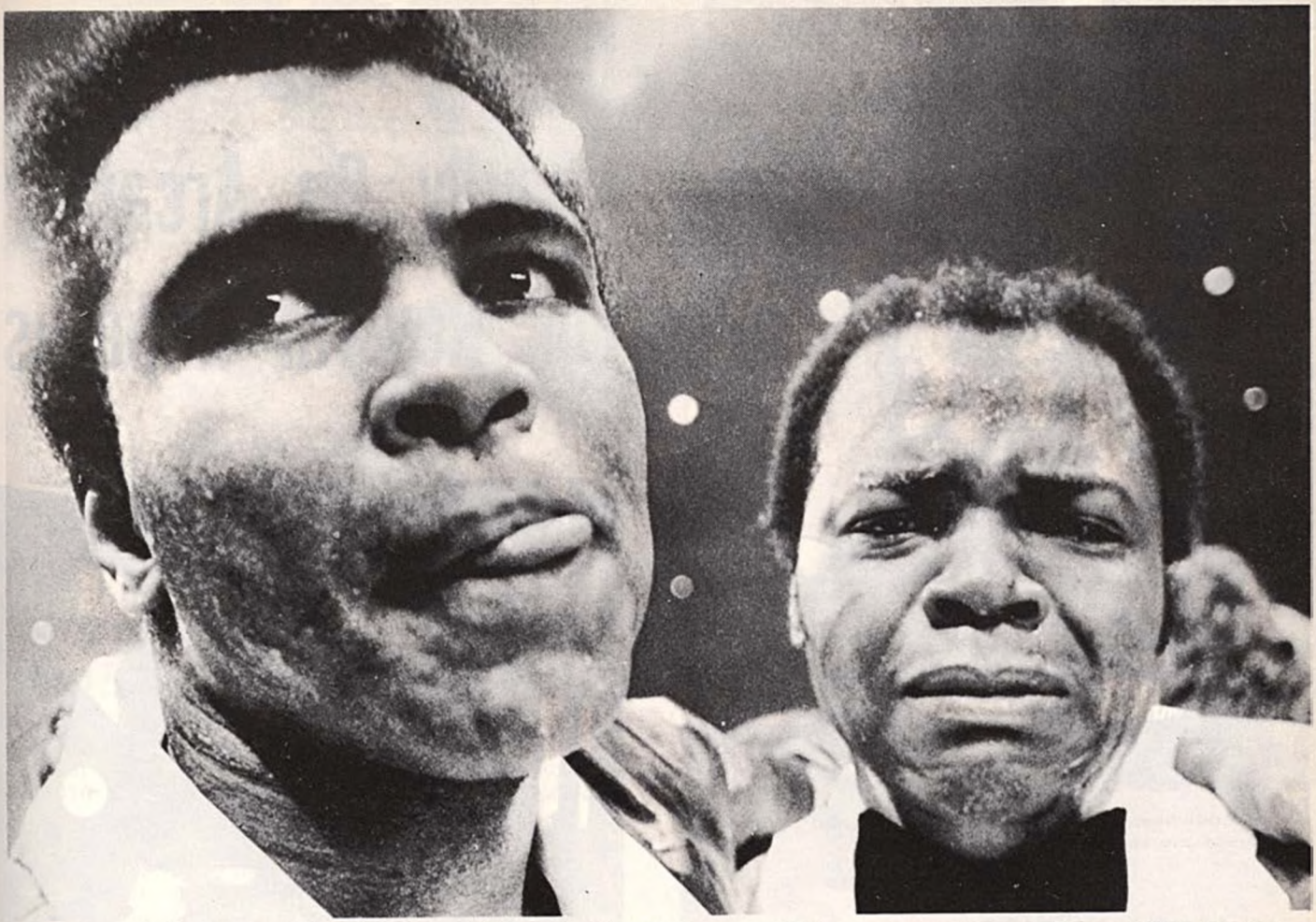
"This arena is the best in the world for a major heavyweight promotion. The money is assured to the fighters. The fights get the best coverage in the world, by all media. The fans are fair and appreciative. The officials are the most trustworthy in the world.

"But, if they fight in the Garden they have to fight somebody worthy of the assignment. I will not accept a match with a heavyweight simply because he happens to be rated. Sign a Garden contract and it means a fight.

"My determination not to accept lesser skills for the Garden has produced an amazing shyness toward me and the Garden.

"Something is radically wrong when a fighter with Ken Norton's record, composed of victories over little known opposition, tells me that he has to have a couple of tuneup fights before tackling opposition like Quarry.

"The Garden does not have to arrange fights to help New York tourism.



This photo tells it all: the swelling of Muhammad Ali's cheek as he rolls his tongue with the very haggard look on his face, and Drew (Bundini) Brown, his aide-de-camp, near tears after Ali's defeat at hands of Ken Norton.

"The Jamaican government lost money on the Foreman-Frazier fight.

"The Irish promoters of the Ali-Blue Lewis affair lost money.

"Important heavies announce, 'Have gloves. Will travel.' They all talk expertly about ancillary rights. They have built-in promoters. They tell you whom they want to fight.

"I made an offer to Jimmy Ellis, who should have been delighted to fight in New York against Quarry. But he told me he was heading for England, where he wanted to meet McAlinden and maybe Bugner.

"The Ellis setup plays up the fact that the situation is unhealthy, intolerable from the public's viewpoint, and in serious need of revamping."

At this point Brenner got a telephone call from Eddie Futch, trainer of Norton, and reportedly headed soon for the succession to Dick Sadler as Ken's manager. Futch said that he was accompanied by Bob Byrum, who is Art Rivkin's partner in the contract on Norton's services.

It developed that Futch and Byrum apparently wanted Ken to fight Quarry. But they also indicated that there was a lot of voluntary advice from the sidelines.

Norton was being told that he did not have to fight Quarry; that he had proved his class by breaking Muhammad Ali's jaw.

Indications were that the spirit of chance-taking was not in the air.

Chance-taking is the very crux of heavyweight competition. That it had ruined the Frazier-Ali match through Joe's KO by Foreman and Ali's defeat by Norton had a bad effect on the situation.

"I have offered Foreman a million dollars to fight Quarry in the Garden," Brenner resumed.

"Even in these days of galloping inflation a million dollars still is a million. How many men make a million in an average lifetime?

"We must have rules and regulations about the heavyweights. How to get them is a difficult matter.

"Here is an established organization like ours offering a million, and Foreman is talking about McAlinden and Roman. That's not for us.

Brenner is not the only promoter who has offered a million to Foreman. Chris Dundee, in Miami, has duplicated the offer of a million. He is in a position to back this offer up and has the facilities to go through with a big operation.

From Las Vegas comes this report: "Foreman will not fight in New York. He is likely to meet Oscar Bonavena in Oakland and then fight Joe Frazier in Houston.

"Foreman believes that he owes a debt to Houston. Frazier will not fight again until he gets his return crack at George."

Jack Kent Cooke, of the Forum at Inglewood, Cal., still has an option on the return. Certainly he no longer is willing to pay each fighter $3,200,000, as he was before the Frazier-Clay explosions. Maybe Cooke now does not want that fight at all.

Frazier vs. Clay has lost much of its glamor but there are thousands of fans who would pay good prices to see them

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Italian Ring Counts Heavily On Arcari For Revival Impetus

Bruno Arcari heads for a gym workout accompanied by daughter, Monica, and wife, Maura.

Arcari (right) with his manager since 1964, Rocco Agostino.

By UMBERTO BRANCHINI

MILAN, Italy – Bruno Arcari, Italy's best fighter, has two opponents of importance. One is the scale, the other is Antonio Cervantes, world champion of the junior welterweight division, according to The Ring.

The weight limit for the junior welters is 140 pounds. Arcari has increasing problems in getting down to this poundage. Rather does he like 144.

As for Cervantes, Italy believes that Bruno is more skilled than the Colombian.

Time was when Italy had many great fighters, and they developed in all classes. Some truly remarkable, as for example Salvatore Burruni, about as fine a flyweight as Europe has seen, and Nino Benvenuti, who was the world middleweight champion.

Why, we even won the world heavyweight championship with Primo Carnera!

But things have changed. There is no Primo, there is no Nino, there is no Burruni. But we have an Arcari.

To produce spectacular fighters a country must be at ease.

Italy is going to bring back the days of glorious achievement in boxing. The makings are there, the spirit is there, to be stirred up.

It would be a great thing for boxing in Italy if Arcari became the one and only undisputed junior welter champion of the world.

In Arcari we have a fine boxer, a sportsman, a gentleman.

After the Tokyo Olympics, Arcari turned pro, as a protege of Rino Tommasi and under the management of Rocco Agostino, a new pilot with "salt in his head." Agostino drove his prospect with real talent and, despite a couple of losses in his first pro fight against Salvatore Colella and his first attempt at the Italian title against Massimo Consolati.

Bruno, step by step, gained unanimous consideration, with the only preoccupation being the facility to be cut over both eyes. His first great televised fight was in Vienna, when he won the European championship, knocking out another southpaw, Johann 'Hans" Orsolics.

The danger of cuts was always terrible. After beating Pedro Adigue for the W.B.C. junior welterweight title (another

(Left) A bloody Arcari during his 1971 bout with Joao Henrique which Arcari won via a 15-round decision. (Below) Arcari thrusts a right to the body of Chris Fernandez, whom Bruno stopped in eight rounds in 1972.

Tommasi's promotion), he risked everything when he was badly cut by French Rene Roque in Lignano Sabbiadoro, June 10, 1970. That was the last official promotion of Rino Tommasi, disqualified by the Italian Boxing Commission for a discussable foul.

Arcari is married to the gentle Maura, a real wife in the old Italian style, who helps her husband, working every morning in his usual occupation.

Bruno was a good carriage-manufacturer and was actively working until the day he had beaten Adigue. He is a good husband and good father. His happiness are daughter Monica, 4 years old, and his wife Maura. As soon as he finishes his fights, his first care is to call his house and to take the first train or plane on the way back.

He is a strong, good boxer, with his cudgels in the best of condition. Only when he met Joao Henrique of Brazil, was he obliged: first to postpone the fight and after to fight in bad condition with an illness in his right shoulder. But in the return, he knocked out Henrique after a perfect fight. On this occasion, I offered to my old friend and now the most important opposition between Italian managers, Rocco Agostino, a special pomade, to use in case of cuts and before the fight to prepare the defense of the skin.

The result was 100% good and the agreement of Agostino was a chance for my protege, Everaldo Costa Azevedo, but the South American wasted the opportunity and was beaten on points after 15 rounds, last December 2, in Turin.

Arcari has been decked only once in his career. It happened when southpaw Chris Fernandez from San Domingo obliged him to take a compulsory eight count last October 13 in Rome. In a return, that Arcari accepted despite having won by TKO in the previous fight, demonstrated that the world champion still has his best skill. Bruno won unanimously on points. Now in Italy the talk of the most important newspapermen is of a 10 or 12 round bout between Bruno and veteran Sandro Lopopolo at a weight limit between junior welters and welters, probably 144 pounds.

Arcari's biggest problems now are not the opponents, but the scales. He has difficulty making the 140 limit and if, some time, he loses his world title, remember that the most important enemy is not the challenger, but the weight.

Fighting on a limit of 144 pounds, I think, is not a problem to beat Lopopolo.

In Europe we have no real dangerous opponents, Pedro Carrasco is no more in condition to weigh 135 pounds, a limit that was always a big problem, as is demonstrated by the European Boxing Union rating, that, even when he was the official world title challenger in the lightweight division, included him as a junior welterweight.

Now, Mrs. Eaton and the World Boxing Council forbade

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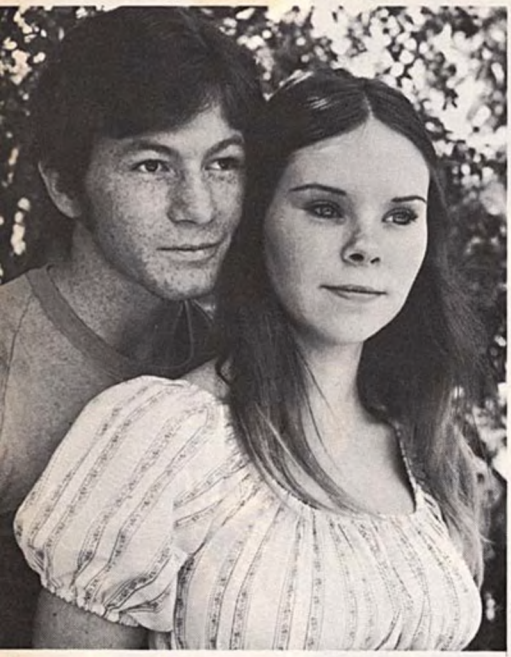
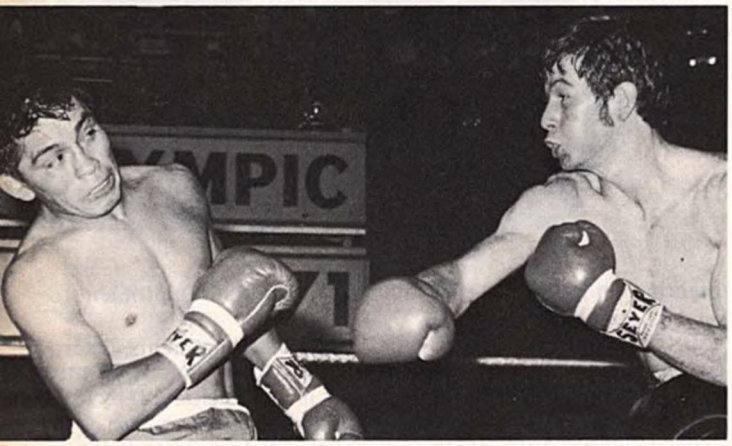


(Left) Young Danny Lopez and his pretty wife, Bonnie. (Right) In full Indian regalia is freckled face Danny, one of the world's top-ranking featherwieghts.

L.A. Fans Ga-Ga Over Danny Lopez

Lopez smashes a hard right to the blood-flecked mouth of Yoshabu Goto, whom he stopped in eight rounds last July.



Jose Luis Valdovinos ducks away from Danny's right. But he didn't duck away from enough of them as Lopez put him away in four in their 1972 meeting.

By DAN HAFNER

LOS ANGELES, Calif. – Danny Lopez lives in a dream world. Everything is going his way. Not yet 20, Lopez already has earned a bigger purse ($21,500) than many fighters ever earn, more than some amass in a career. The brother of welterweight contender Ernie (Indian Red) Lopez has had 15 fights as a professional and won them all by knockout.

Not since Mando Ramos was a teenager has there been a fighter in Los Angeles with so much popularity. He has become a celebrity and his future is bright.

But life hasn't always been wonderful for Danny, a mixture of nationalities, including one-quarter Ute Indian.

"Every morning I expect to wake up and find it's all a dream," said Danny, a quiet, shy, freckled youngster with wavy red hair. "I never thought anything like this would happen to me."

Danny's first eight years were spent on the Fort Duchesne Ute Indian reservation in a mountainous wasteland in Northeastern Utah, not far from the aptly-named Desolation Canyon. They are years Danny would like to forget.

"All of us boys slept on the floor in the living room. But we were better off than some other families because we had a wooden floor. It was cold, though. The only heat was from the wood cook stove. Up there in the Rockies, it's cold and snowy most of the year.

"Everyone on the reservation was getting money from the state. There wasn't much work to be found and, I guess, not much inclination to look for it.

"When I was 8, the struggle to take care of all of us became too much for Mom. She simply could no longer cope with the situation."

Ernie went to live on a boys' ranch, while foster homes were found for the others. Danny, his sister Carol and his little brother Larry, went to live with the Deon Moon family in Jensen, Utah.

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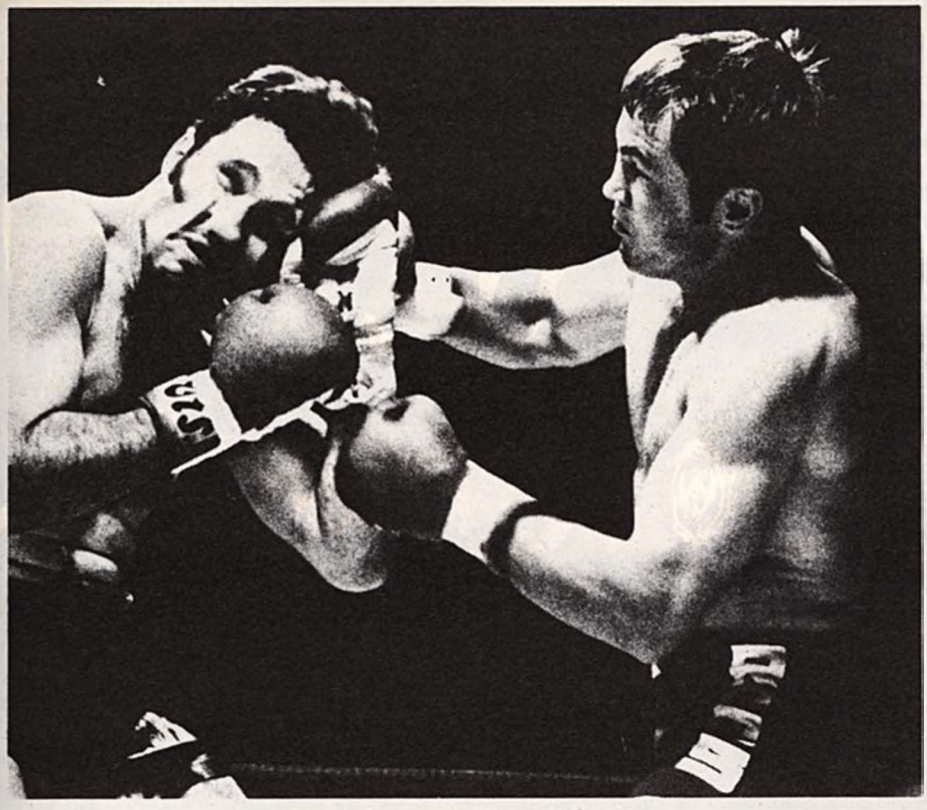

Although Chris Roos connects with a right here, Jimmy Richards came through to victory to capture the South African heavyweight crown.

(Above) Richards works with weights. He doesn't use them during pre-fight training because they cause stiffness. Jimmy uses them only for general training. (Below) Richards (left) spars with trainer Billy Lotter while manager Reg Higgs looks on.

South Africa Touts Richards

By RONALD SCOTT

EIGHTEEN months ago, Jimmy Richards was written off as a hasbeen by sportswriters and fans in South Africa. The Pretoria heavyweight had gone as far as he could go, they all said. He might as well put his gloves on the hook and save himself from further punishment.

That was after Richrds had been outpointed by Chris Roos over 10 rounds in Cape Town in a gruelling fight that left Richards' face looking none too pretty.

This past March, at Ellis Park Stadium in Johannesburg, Richards battered the same Chris Roos into submission over 12 rounds and gained a points decision that gave him the South African heavyweight title.

This was a different Richards from the man who used to walk out of the ring looking like a case for the doctor's hands. The too-slow footwork, the wide open guard, the unskillful punching had all been improved, so much so that Richards walked back to the Ellis Park dressing room with his face unharmed.

His manager, Reg Higgs, started talking about a match-up between Richards and Terry Daniels, who took on Joe Frazier last year.

Higgs has had a lot to do with building up the Pretoria motor mechanic into a fighter who can start looking around the world for his next opponents.

He took on the job of managing Jimmy straight after the Roos fight in Cape Town last year. As he recalls, Jimmy was in a bad way at the time.

"Here was a fighter with just about all of his confidence gone. He was even beginning to believe what the critics said about him, that he was washed up and had nowhere to go. He wasn't training properly, climbing into the ring unfit for every fight.

"The worse aspect of all was his defense. He used to come into the attack with his hands down by his chest, so his chin was wide open. When he fought Bill Drover, the Canadian champion early in 1971, Bill said he was the only boxer he had ever met who led with his chin."

The task of training Richards fell to Billy Lotter, himself a one-time South African heavyweight champ. Lotter believes in roadwork, lots of it, and Richards was soon running three miles every morning before breakfast, something he would never have dreamed of doing before.

It wasn't straight running either. Lotter knew of an uphill road that was so steep the builders couldn't even get the

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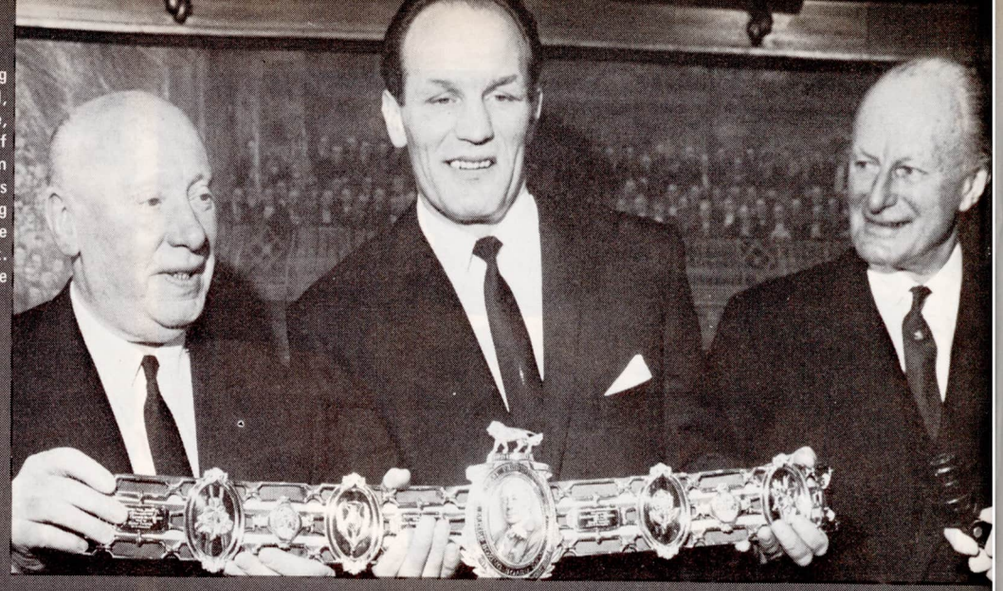


To right, a famous British ring trio. Henry Cooper is flanked, on right, by J. Onslow Fane, head of the British Board of Boxing Control, and Jim Wicks, for years the fighter's manager. Cooper is showing the third straight Lonsdale Belt, which he won outright. Cooper left scads of Empire records behind him.

Henry Has Forgotten Rancor Over Questionable Decision Which Presented Title To Bugner And Retired Idol

By FRANK BUTLER

LONDON, England — Still the most popular boxing personality in Britain is Henry Cooper—"Our En-ery" as the British love to call him—though it's two years since he laced a boxing glove.

It had seemed a sad occasion that night at Wembley Stadium on March 16, 1971 when Cooper, then a couple of months short of his 37th birthday, seemed to have done enough to have retained his European, British and Commonwealth heavyweight titles against his 21-year-old challenger, Joe Bugner.

Though weary and drawn, Cooper glanced at Referee Harry Gibbs and offered him his right arm obviously expecting it to be raised in victory. When the official walked past Cooper and heralded the Hungarian-born Bugner as the winner and new champion by a quarter of a point, uproar followed. The outraged crowd booed so angrily that it was impossible to introduce the next two contestants.

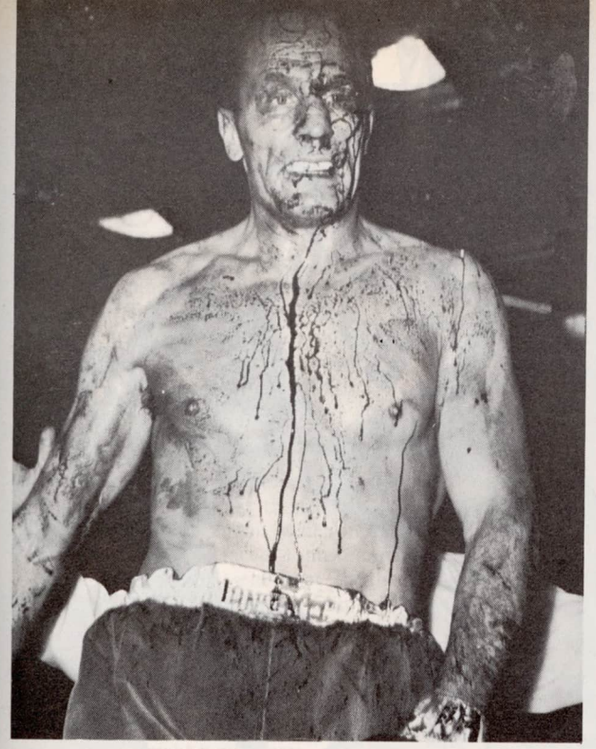
As they took off Cooper's bandages in the dressing room, bitterly disappointed, the old champ kept his cool and said quietly to the hoard of boxing reporters: "That's it, gentlemen. That's me lot!"

It was the end of an era in British boxing. For Cooper, the most beloved of all British champions, had been around professionally for 17 years, and had been heavyweight champion for nearly 11 years, longer than any other British heavyweight champion. He is the only fighter to win three Lonsdale Belts outright.

Though it was a sad occasion, little did Henry realize that night that the Harry Gibbs decision, which was rejected by 90% of the fans present and nearly all the boxing writers, was to make Cooper more popular than ever. He became a legend in his own time and was still accepted as champion for some months after he had retired, receiving far bigger cheers than his successors, Joe Bugner, Jack Bodell and Danny McAlinden.

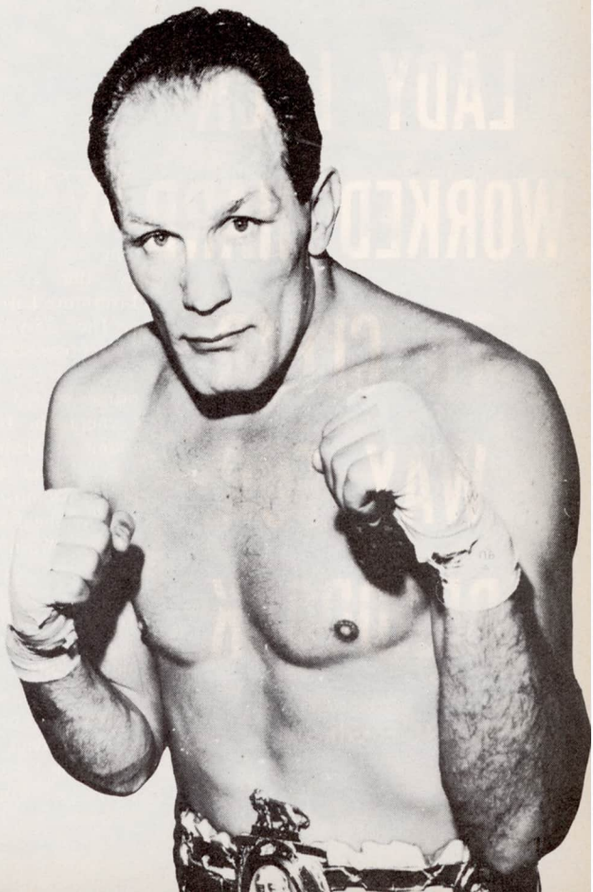
A meditative Cooper, then British, Empire and European heavyweight champion, taking it easy during a lull in his training for a title defense against Piero Tomasoni, of Italy, in Rome. 'Enery stopped Tomasoni in five rounds.

COOPER, BRITAIN'S LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME



Henry Cooper displaying the results of his major physical handicap. He was a bleeder. He is shown covered with Cooper gore in the 1966 title fight with Muhammad Ali (Cassius Clay), which was stopped in sixth.

Above, Cooper, in top hat and morning dress, is pinning on his son Marco, with wife Albina looking on, the OBE he just had received from the Queen in Buckingham Palace. Below, Henry in goreless fighting pose, wearing the Lonsdale Belt.



And when two years after that Bugner fight Cooper agreed to make his first visit to the United States to give moral support to Joe in his bout against Muhammad Ali at Las Vegas, it revealed any bitterness Henry had about that controversial decision was forgotten.

"When they asked me to go along with Joe, I hesitated at first," Henry told me "Then I said to myself what the blinkin' Hell! It's two years ago and why shouldn't I give Joe a hand. After all, having fought old Ali twice, I feel I know his strength and weakness and I'll do everything I can to help Joe in training and with a bit of advice."

It was all rather typical of Cooper, the nice guy of boxing. And though it happened a long time ago, way back in 1963, Cooper is one of the selected few who really hurt Ali in the ring. For there is no doubt in their first non-title meeting, only the quick-thinking of Angelo Dundee saved Ali from being knocked out when he was flattened towards the end of the fourth round.

Dundee found a flaw in the gloves and hollered so much that he gained at least another 30 seconds rest during the interval before the fifth round started.

Today Cooper is the most respected ex-champion in Britain. A member of Lloyds, he is accepted in the city as a bit of a gent. And he is in such demands to open church garden

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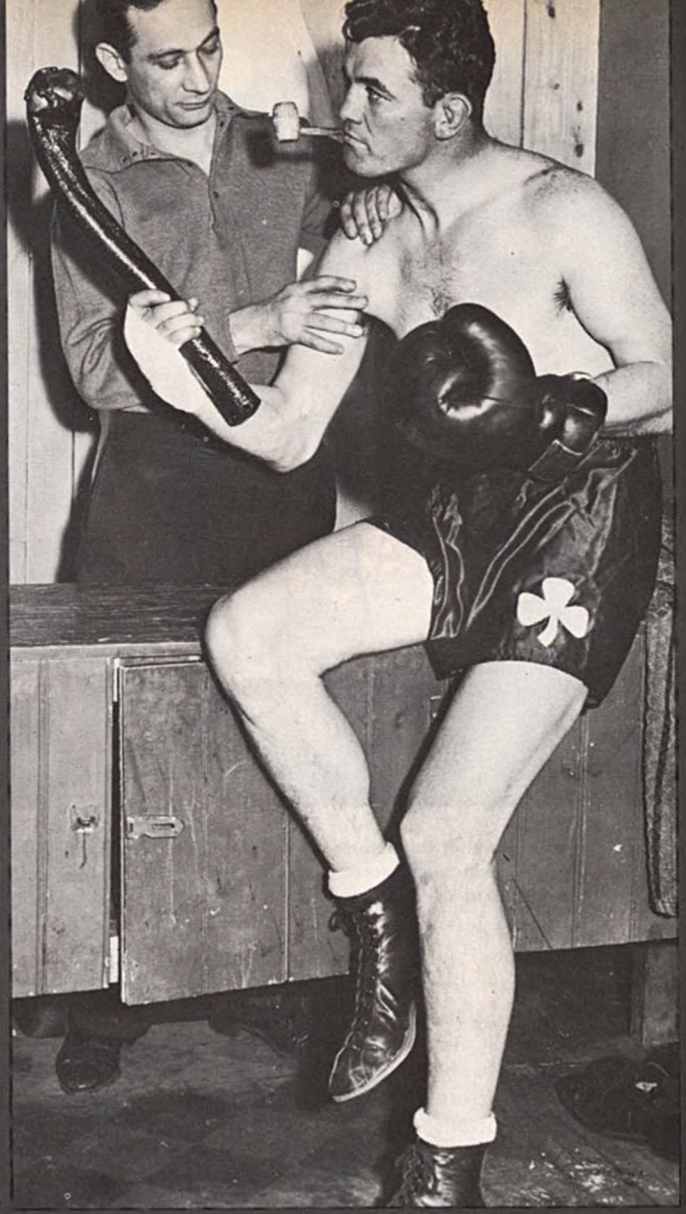


(Above) Max Baer figured to be champion for a long time to come after stopping Primo Carnera for the heavyweight crown in 1934, but was beaten by Jimmy Braddock a year later in perhaps the greatest upset in ring annals. (Right) Braddock, replete with shilleglagh and corncob pipe, gets tended to by trainer Doc Robb.

LADY LUCK WORKED HARD TO CLEAR WAY FOR BRADDOCK

By GEORGE GIRSCH

WHEN Max Baer won the heavyweight championship of the world on June 14, 1934, a long and successful reign was predicted by the experts for the personable Livermore Larruper.

The 25-year-old California Adonis, who possessed a magnificent physique—he stood 6-3 and weighed 209½ in his prime—scored a knockout over Primo Carnera, the Italian Goliath, in the 11th round at Madison Square Garden Bowl, Long Island City, New York, to gain pugilism's most coveted crown.

Sure, he'd keep the title for years to come. Wasn't Madcap Maxie the conqueror of Max Schmeling, King Levinsky and Tuffy Griffiths? Hadn't his iron fists clubbed Frankie Campbell to death in 1930? Weren't Baer's murderous blows really responsible for the death of Ernie Schaaf, who died a few days after a bout with Carnera in February, 1933?

Yet Baer remained heavyweight champion for only 365 days, as the Fates worked overtime between June 14, 1934, and June 13, 1935, with a supposedly washed-up ex-light heavyweight named James J. Braddock the fortunate object of their affection.

Not even a third-rate fiction writer would have dreamed up a plot in which the young, strong Baer would be beaten in a year's time by a 10-1 underdog who had fought a preliminary bout the night Maxie took the title from Da Preem.

Besides Baer and Braddock, leading roles in the drama were played by Joe Gould, Schmeling, Steve Hamas, Corn Griffin, Art Lasky, John Henry Lewis, Carnera, Ancil Hoffman, Charley Harvey and Walter Rothenburg.

That Braddock, who lived in North Bergen, N.J., ever managed to gain a shot at Baer's title is perhaps even more fantastic than his actual winning of the championship.

It is old hat how Jimmy, who had fought Tommy Loughran for the 175-pound diadem in 1929, had tumbled downhill since that encounter. He was finally forced to go on relief to support

his wife and three children after suffering a broken right hand in the ring.

Then came a ray of sunshine. Braddock's manager, Joe Gould, heard that an opponent was needed for Charley Harvey's new sensation, Corn Griffin, former soldier from Georgia. The bout, scheduled on the Baer-Carnera card, was to be a stepping stone along the buildup road for Griffin.

Gould talked Jimmy Johnston, then the Garden matchmaker, into accepting Braddock for the Griffin match. In typical Alger style, Braddock, after recovering from a second-round knockdown, kayoed Griffin in the third.

After remaining idle for the next five months, though having trained for a match with Steve Dudas which never came off, Braddock faced John Henry Lewis in a 10-round semi-final to the Slapsie Maxie Rosenbloom-Bob Olin light heavyweight title brawl at the Garden in November, 1934.

Lewis looked like a sure winner after four rounds due to superior boxing. In the fifth, however, Braddock, heretofore known to be "right-hand crazy," sent the Arizona Negro to the canvas with a terrific left hook. Lewis wasn't the same after that blow and was outpointed by Braddock. Jimmy now was considered a man to be reckoned with.

By the time 1935 rolled around, Art Lasky, Carnera, Schmeling and Steve Hamas were rated the top challengers for Baer's crown. But during the month of March all four were eliminated in one way or another as if a giant scythe had cleared the way for James J. Braddock.

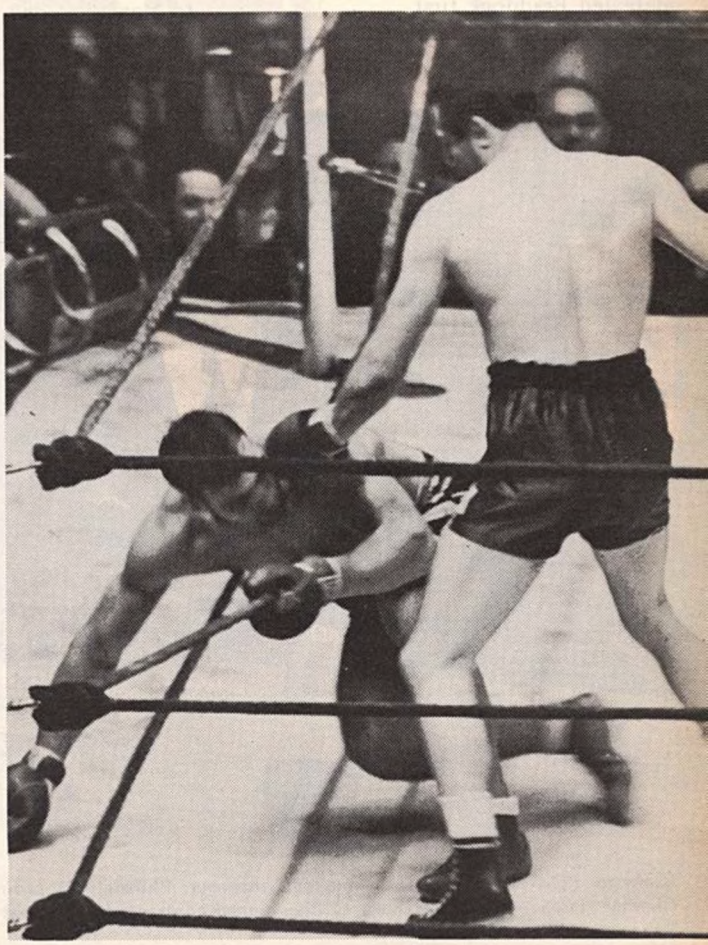
Gould maneuvered Jimmy into a bout with Lasky, a big Jewish boy from Minneapolis. After a series of postponements due to Lasky's being sidelined by pleurisy, the pair finally met at Madison Square Garden on March 22.

Before that battle took place, strange things had happened elsewhere.

It seems that Hamas had been offered $25,000—a lot of money in those days—to box Schmeling in Hamburg, Germany, on March 10. He and his pilot, Charley Harvey—the very same gent who had managed Corn Griffin—figured they were taking candy from a baby. They thought they would go to Europe, take both Schmeling and the money, then fight Baer for the title in June.

However, the overconfident Hamas, who administered a bad beating to Schmeling in Philadelphia in February, 1934, took the bout far too lightly, and trained rather haphazardly.

On the other hand, Der Mox, eager for revenge and a possible chance at Baer, was in perfect shape. He walloped Hamas, former Penn State football star, from pillar to post, knocking him out in the ninth round. So badly injured was Hamas that he never fought again.



(Above) Braddock lands right to Baer's jaw on way to winning a 15-round decision and the heavyweight championship of the world. (Right) Baer sends Carnera to the floor, one of the 11 times Primo hit the canvas.

Five days after that massacre, Carnera met big Ray Impellitiere in the Garden. Though Primo scored a nine-round KO, his showing was unimpressive.

A week later came the Lasky-Braddock affair. Art entered the ring a 3-1 choice. But Jimmy, who tore into his larger opponent from the opening bell, hammered out a decisive victory over the 15-round route.

With Lasky and Hamas out of the way, only Carnera and Schmeling stood in the path of Braddock's march to a title bout with Baer. But both Carnera and Schmeling soon fell by the wayside without even donning a glove.

Madison Square Garden sought to match Braddock with Carnera, but Gould demanded Schmeling or Baer. Carnera's board of strategy said they'd meet Braddock only if the Garden would put up a $50,000 guarantee that the winner of such a bout would meet Baer for the championship. When the Garden refused, Primo & Co. signed with Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club to box the rising young Joe Louis in June. That eliminated Carnera.

On March 26, the New York State Athletic Commission designated Braddock the leading contender for the title, but left a loophole for Schmeling. The Commission would not sanction a Baer-Schmeling encounter unless the "Teuton Schlager" came to America and defeated Braddock first.

Schmeling then outsmarted himself. After Max defeated Hamas, Walter Rothenburg, who had promoted the bout, offered Baer $300,000 to meet Schmeling in Europe. Baer and his mamager, Ancil Hoffman, were ready to accept, but only if the money was deposited in a New York bank.

Schmeling, certain that the offer made to Baer was one the champion could not refuse, figured Max would easily take care of any American challenger he might fight in June. Schmeling, therefore, was content to sit and wait for Baer to come to him in September. He's still waiting.

It seems that Rothenburg was unable to produce the necessary cash, so Baer and Hoffman, after long and bitter wrangling with the Garden, finally accepted Braddock as an opponent for June 13 at Madison Square Garden Bowl.

They had protested that a match with Braddock wouldn't draw flies and besides, Hoffman added, "He's a washed-up old has-been, anyway. What chance would he have against Baer, who hasn't lost a fight since 1931?"

Baer just couldn't be convinced that the hungry 29-year-old Braddock belonged in the same ring with him. So Max neglected to do one little thing – train seriously.

Braddock, on the other hand, never trained harder in his life. Gould's fight plan called for Jimmy to keep away from Baer's atomic right by continually circling to Max's left and to fall inside instead of

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Carnera, the Italian Goliath, looks oversize even in a tuxedo. Da Preem, though seeking a return match with Baer, jumped the Garden Corp. for Mike Jacobs' 20th Century Sporting Club in 1935.

(Left to right) Joe Jacobs, Schmeling's manager, Philadelphia promoter Herman Taylor and Charley Harvey, pilot of Hamas, as they signed contracts for the first Hamas-Schmeling bout in February, 1934.

Steve Hamas, the ex-Penn State football star, thought he had an easy mark in Max Schmeling after having beaten the German in Philadelphia in 1934. But Max destroyed Hamas in Hamburg in March, 1935, Steve never being able to box again.

CERVANTES PUTS SANTA MARTA ON MAP

By JOHN ORT

SANTA MARTA, COLOMBIA — Colombia, a small country in the northern area of South America, is famous for two things—coffee and emeralds.

Recently however, a boxer named Antonio Cervantes put it on the fistic map. Antonio won the world junior welterweight title last October in Panama, when he kayoed Alfonso Frazier in ten. Before this he was little known outside of his native country.

During his career there, which spanned 1964-1969, he engaged in 31 bouts, winning 29, drawing in 2. Then he moved on to Venezuela, where he has won 11 and lost 2. He also boxed in Los Angeles, Costa Rica and Argentina, where he lost in a bid for the junior welterweight crown to Nicolino Loche in December 1971.

Since winning the title he has defended it twice, against Josue Marquez in San Juan, P.R. and, recently, Nicolino Loche in Maracay, Venezuela.

It just happened that my wife and I were visiting Colombia the day after Cervantes defended against Loche. We were on a cruiseship that stopped at Santa Marta.

We disembarked in the morning to investigate this dreamy little seaport town. The folders from the Colombian Tourist Board said Santa Marta was a resort city on one of the finest strands in the Caribbean, beautiful Rodadero Beach. Known for its friendly people, fine seafood and gambling casino, as well as having the distinction of being the oldest city in the Western Hemisphere, Santa Marta is also the final resting place of the great South American liberator, Simon Bolivar.

What the folders didn't tell us was that it is the hometown of world champion Antonio Cervantes.

I thought I would check and see what a town like this thought of its hero. As we walked down the pier to a beach front boulevard, we saw that the beaches were jammed with people.

Since this was a weekday, it made no sense. Strolling along this beautiful boulevard, lined with picturesque sidewalk cafes, small restaurants and hotels, we happened upon a lovely plaza.

To one side was a magnificent cathedral which must have been well over 200 years old. Inside we encountered some shipmates who had just come from the business district, and they reported all shops closed. Curious, we asked a local what holiday was being celebrated. To our astonishment the man stated that everything was closed because Cervantes had defended his title successfully the previous night in Venezuela, and the local government had declared a holiday to honor its hero.

Strolling on to the business area, we found only street vendors selling their wares. Santa Marta's shopping center, perhaps ten blocks long, consists of typical Spanish-style buildings all painted white, pink or yellow. The street is lined with palm trees and very clean. As we walked along my wife, window-shopping, stopped me to bring to my attention a big store front festooned with posters of Cervantes' fights and displaying his gloves, trunks, and other equipment. Continuing along the main drag we saw cars driving up and down, blaring out some kind of news over public address speakers. A helpful vendor happily translated the news that there would be a big fiesta that evening in the plaza in honor of Cervantes!

Time was now closing in on us so we took a short cab ride to beautiful Rodadero Beach, locale of the casino and tourist hotels, and where many wealthy Colombians maintain luxurious condominiums. Chatting with people along the beach, we discovered all felt enormous pride in Cervantes' accomplishment and were eagerly looking forward to the evening's festivities.

Greatly disappointed at not being able to stay for the fun, it was now back to the ship for us. Departing at 6 P.M. we watched the sun set and the lights of Santa Marta fade in the distance as the ship steamed to its next port of call.

ANTONIO CERVANTES

WORLD RATINGS

By NAT LOUBET

RATINGS FOR THE MONTH ENDING MAY 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS
(over 275 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
GEORGE FOREMAN, Hayward, Calif.
1–**JOE FRAZIER,** Philadelphia, Pa.
2–**KEN NORTON,** San Diego, Calif.
3–**MUHAMMAD ALI (CASSIUS CLAY),** Cherry Hill, N.J.
4–**JERRY QUARRY,** New York, N.Y.
5–**JIMMY ELLIS,** Louisville, Ky.
6–**ERNIE TERRELL,** Chicago, Ill.
7–**RON LYLE,** Denver, Colo.
8–**FLOYD PATTERSON,** New Paltz, N.Y.
9–**JOSE ROMAN,** Puerto Rico
10–**JOE BUGNER,** England

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS
(not over 175 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
BOB FOSTER, Washington, D.C.
1–**PIERRE FOURIE,** South Africa
2–**LEN HUTCHINS,** Detroit, Mich.
3–**JOHN CONTEH,** England
4–**ANDY KENDALL,** Portland, Ore.
5–**VICTOR GALINDEZ,** Argentina
6–**CHRIS FINNEGAN,** England
7–**DON FULLMER,** West Jordan, Utah
8–**JIMMY DUPREE,** Jersey City, N.J.
9–**EDDIE JONES,** Los Angeles, Calif.
10–**MIKE QUARRY,** Los Angeles, Calif.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS
(not over 160 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
CARLOS MONZON, Argentina
1–**TONY MUNDINE,** Australia
2–**JEAN-CLAUDE BOUTTIER,** France
3–**EMILE GRIFFITH,** New York, N.Y.
4–**MIGUEL de OLIVIERA,** Brazil
5–**BENNIE BRISCOE,** Philadelphia, Pa.
6–**BUNNY STERLING,** England
7–**KOICHI WAJIMA,** Japan
8–**JUAN CARLOS DURAN,** Italy
9–**RODRIGO VALDES,** Colombia
10–**NESSIM COHEN,** France

WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 147 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
JOSE NAPOLES, Mexico
1–**HEDGEMON LEWIS,** Detroit, Mich.
2–**ROGER MENETREY,** France
3–**CLYDE GRAY,** Canada
4–**JACK TILLMAN,** Mobile, Ala.
5–**ERNIE LOPEZ,** Las Vegas, Nev.
6–**EDDIE PERKINS,** Chicago, Ill.
7–**ROBERT GALLOIS,** France
8–**BILLY BACKUS,** Syracuse, N.Y.
9–**RONNIE HARRIS,** Detroit, Mich.
10–**ANGEL ESPADA,** Puerto Rico

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS
(not over 140 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ANTONIO CERVANTES, Colombia
1–**BRUNO ARCARI,** Italy
2–**VICTOR ORTIZ,** Puerto Rico
3–**CARLOS GIMENEZ,** Argentina
4–**ALFONSO FRAZIER,** Panama
5–**ROMANO FANALI,** Italy
6–**HECTOR THOMPSON,** Australia
7–**ROGER ZAMI,** France
8–**TURK KAMACI,** Turkey
9–**CHU CHU MALAVE,** New York, N.Y.
10–**NICOLINO LOCHE,** Argentina

LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 135 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROBERTO DURAN, Panama
1–**ESTABAN DE JESUS,** Puerto Rico
2–**RODOLFO GONZALEZ,** Long Beach, Calif.
3–**KEN BUCHANAN,** Scotland
4–**JIMMY HEAIR,** Los Angeles, Calif.
5–**ANTONIO PUDDU,** Italy
6–**RAY LAMPKIN,** Portland, Ore.
7–**CHANGO CARMONA,** Mexico
8–**PEDRO CARRASCO,** Spain
9–**HUGO GUTIERREZ,** Argentina
10–**OULD MAKLOUFI,** France

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS
(not over 130 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
KUNIAKI SHIBATA, Japan
1–**BEN VILLAFLOR,** Philippines
2–**SAMMY GOSS,** Trenton, N.J.
3–**VICTOR ECHEGARAY,** Argentina
4–**LOTHAR ABEND,** Germany
5–**ALFREDO MARCANO,** Venezuela
6–**FRANKIE OTERO,** Miami, Fla.
7–**WALTER SEELEY,** Sayville, N.Y.
8–**LOVE ALLOTEY,** Ghana
9–**MIGUEL RIASCO,** Panama
10–**JOSE FERNANDEZ,** Dominican Rep.

FEATHERWEIGHTS
(not over 126 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
TITLE VACANT
1–**EDER JOFRE,** Brazil
2–**RICARDO ARREDONDO,** Mexico
3–**JOSE LEGRA,** Spain
4–**BERT NABALATAN,** Philippines
5–**ERNESTO MARCEL,** Panama
6–**DANNY LOPEZ,** Los Angeles, Calif.
7–**BOBBY CHACON,** Los Angeles, Calif
8–**LIONEL HERNANDEZ,** Venezuela
9–**BOB ALLOTEY,** Ghana
10–**ARNOLD TAYLOR,** South Africa

BANTAMWEIGHTS
(not over 118 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
ROMERO ANAYA, Mexico
1–**RAFAEL HERRERA,** Mexico
2–**ENRIQUE PINDER,** Panama
3–**JOHNNY CLARK,** England
4–**RODOLFO MARTINEZ,** Mexico
5–**JOSE CASAS,** Argentina
6–**CHARTCHAI CHIONOI,** Thailand
7–**CHUCHO CASTILLO,** Mexico
8–**PADDY MAGUIRE,** Ireland
9–**DAVE NEEDHAM,** England
10–**PAUL FERRERI,** Australia

FLYWEIGHTS
(not over 112 pounds)
WORLD CHAMPION
VENICE BORKORSOR, Thailand
1–**BETULIO GONZALEZ,** Venezuela
2–**ERBITO SALVARRIA,** Philippines
3–**FRITZ CHERVET,** Switzerland
4–**HENRY NISSEN,** Australia
5–**MIGUEL CANTO,** Mexico
6–**FERMIN GOMEZ,** Mexico
7–**SUSUMU HANAGATA,** Japan
8–**TONY MORENO,** San Antonio, Texas
9–**LUPE HERNANDEZ,** Mexico
10–**OSAMU HABA,** Japan

RAFAEL HERRERA FIGHTER OF THE MONTH

IT isn't often that the Rating Committee of this magazine wanders down into Mexico, in no more distinguished a fistic center than Monterrey, for its Fighter of the Month.

But Rafael Herrera, of the Aztec country, is entitled to the designation, on the basis of his 12-round knockout of Rodolfo Martinez, also of Mexico.

On the strength of his success, Herrera was named the bantamweight champion of the world by the ever meddlesome WBC, jumping all the way from No. 4 rating by The Ring to No. 1 contender.

It was a good fight, with Herrera suffering a knockdown, and Martinez taking no fewer than four trips to the canvas.

That Herrera achieved the Fighter of the Month allocation was due chiefly to his significant achievement.

But it also must be conceded that Herrera had little competition for the laurels.

Looking up and down the listings, the boxing critic is forced to admit that it was no spectacular month in which Herrera landed the WBC title, unofficial. Romero Anaya, also of Mexico is the true 118-pound titleholder.

Usually there is contention for the Fighter of the Month mainly from the heavier classes. But there was little activity in these divisions.

A look at the ratings in the heavyweight section impresses the reviewer with the fact that George Foreman's upset KO of Joe Frazier and Ken Norton's jaw breaking exploit against fading Muhammad Ali sent the division into a stupor.

The unchanged ratings of the heavies behind titleholder Foreman locate George and Norton in formidable locations insofar as forthcoming paydays are concerned.

Joe Frazier is rated the No. 1 contender, and he is shouting his right to recognition as Foreman's first opponent as the defending champion.

Norton is No. 2, with Ali third and Jerry Quarry No. 4, a revived figure in a quiet neighborhood.

In the group behind Quarry we find such ever blooming century plants as Ernie Terrell, Floyd Patterson and Jimmy Ellis.

Ellis, who was hidden away in Louisville doing nothing, now is found in so formidable a location as No. 5.

The month saw a fresh entry for heavyweight laurels in Duane Bobick, who won his first pro fight against a nonentity named Tommy Burns, no relation of the onetime champion.

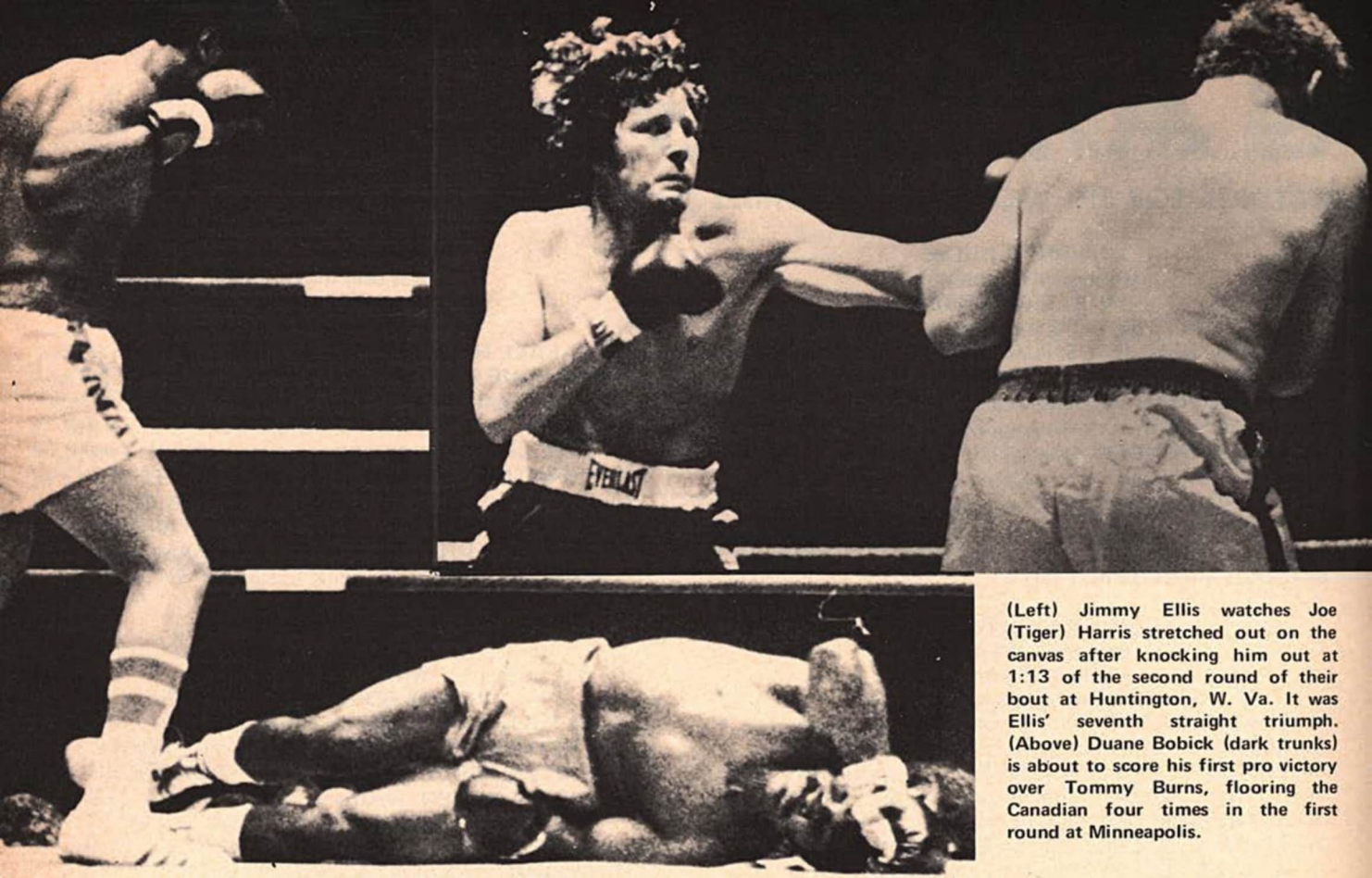
American fight fans are not being led to look for big deeds by Bobick, who was knocked out by Cuba's Teofilo Stephenson in the Olympic games.

In the light heavyweight class, Bob Foster lives in unopposed "splendor," with entry into the heavies foiled and work among the 175s limited by lack of contenders.

Action in the middleweight division has been virtually paralyzed by the shooting of "Dan McGrew" Monzon.

PROSPECTS FOR THE MONTH

Name	Pro Debut	Total Bouts	Won	Lost	Draws	KO's
HEAVYWEIGHT						
Billy Ryan Fresno, Calif.	6/72	5	5	0	0	5
LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHT						
Vinnie Curto Miami, Fla.	10/72	3	3	0	0	2
MIDDLEWEIGHT						
Rocky DeFazio Chicago, Ill.	11/72	6	6	0	0	5
WELTERWEIGHT						
Juan Cantres New York, N.Y.	1/73	4	4	0	0	0
LIGHTWEIGHT						
Ray Seales Seattle, Wash.	1/73	5	5	0	0	2
FEATHERWEIGHT						
Richie Villaneuva Jersey City, N.J.	7/71	13	8	5	0	6
BANTAMWEIGHT						
Sal Fabrizio Italy	11/69	21	18	3	0	3
FLYWEIGHT						
Hak Yung Kim Korea	5/72	12	11	1	0	5



(Left) Jimmy Ellis watches Joe (Tiger) Harris stretched out on the canvas after knocking him out at 1:13 of the second round of their bout at Huntington, W. Va. It was Ellis' seventh straight triumph. (Above) Duane Bobick (dark trunks) is about to score his first pro victory over Tommy Burns, flooring the Canadian four times in the first round at Minneapolis.

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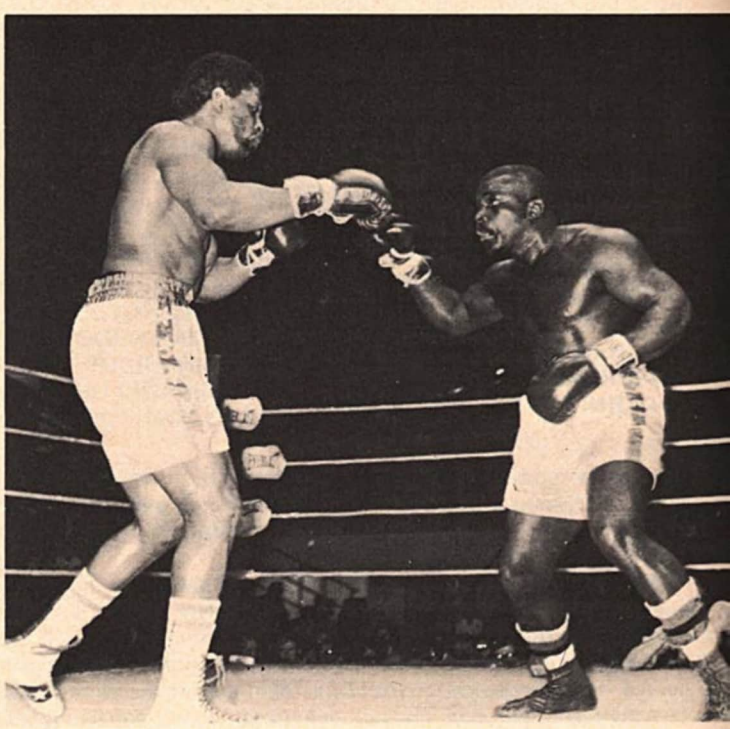
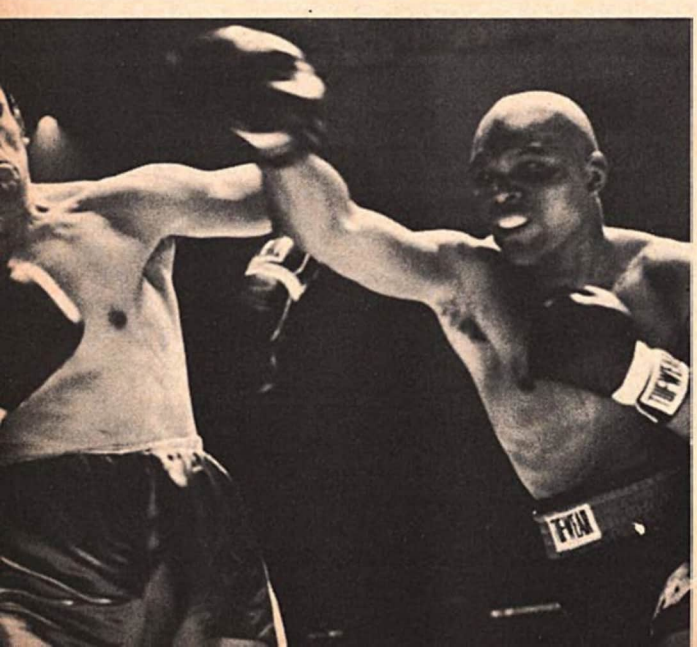
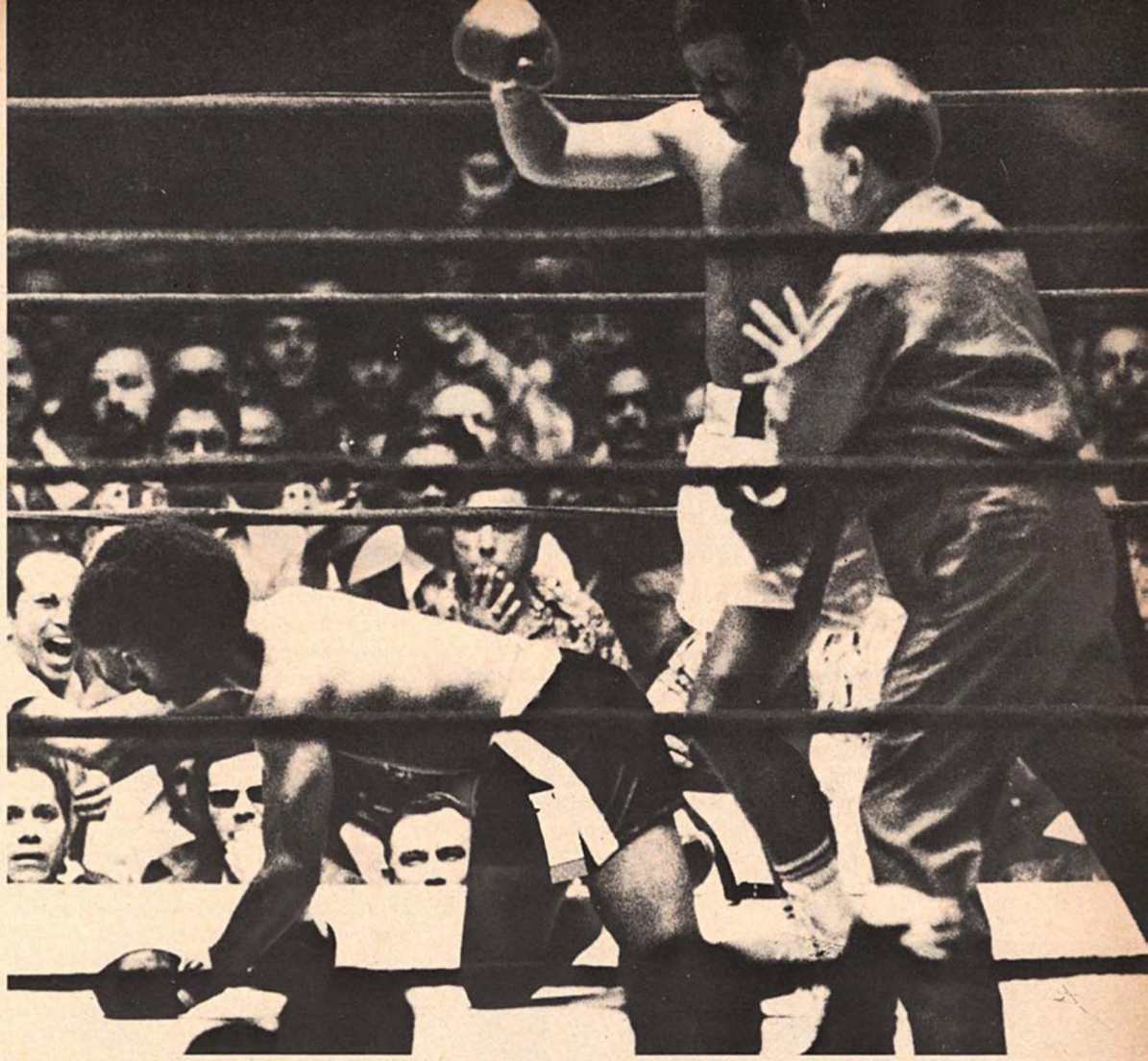
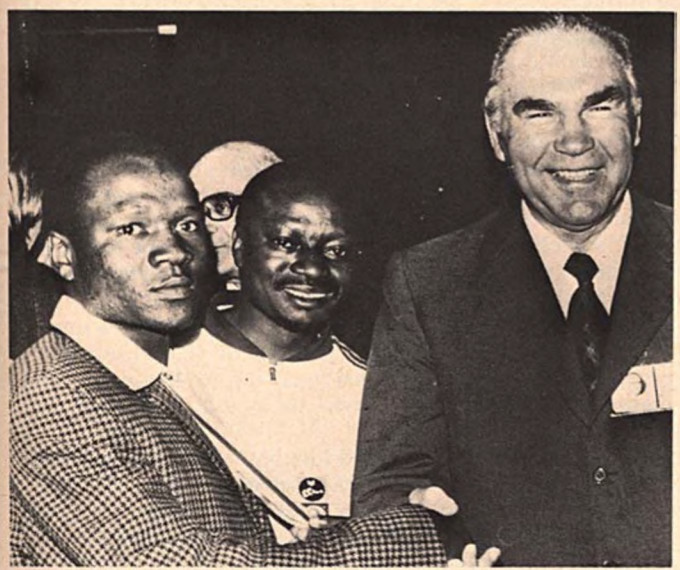




(Above) Ron Lyle (left) and Bob Stallings look as if they're playing patty cake in the first round of their 10-rounder at Missoula, Mont. Lyle captured the decision. (Left) Bennie Briscoe has just connected with a long hard right to the chin at Art Hernandez at the Philadelphia Spectrum. Briscoe stopped his man in the third round.



Referee moves Rodrigo Valdes toward a neutral corner after he knocked down Kim Booker in the fifth round at New York's Felt Forum. The bout was soon halted in Valdes' favor.



(Above) Ex-heavyweight king Max Schmeling congratulates lightweight Moses Khoni after he won a gold medal in the South African Games at Pretoria. (Right) Rafael Herrera connects with a solid left to the jaw which floored Rodolfo Martinez in the 11th round of their Monterrey, Mexico, contest. Herrera, who knocked down Martinez four times and was himself floored once, scored a TKO in the 12th round.

KETCHEL FORGOT TO SIT FACING DOORWAY WHEN SHOT

By DR. IRWIN ROSS

STANLEY Ketchel was a welterweight star when he was 20, middleweight champion when he was 21 and dead when he was 24.

He died over 60 years ago, in 1910, but he still is mourned in hobo songs and cowboy laments, and his legend has even seeped into our literature. Ring Lardner's "Champion," a merciless classic, is supposed to be based, in part, on the character of Stanley Ketchel. His reputation was deserved.

Stanley (sometimes called Steve) Ketchel fought 63 fights in his professional career and he scored 59 victories, 49 by knockouts. He also engaged in an indeterminate number of brawls in mining camps, hobo jungles, barrooms and brothels, and probably won them all. He loved guns, horses, wine and women, and he died with his boots on. He was shot in the back in a quarrel over a girl.

His real name was Stanislaus Kaicel. Many nationalities have tried to claim him, but he was Polish. He ran away from home in Grand Rapids, Michigan, at the age of 12 because he wanted to be a cowboy. He never made it but he never lost the desire.

He got a job on a ranch once. It didn't last very long but he loved it when people referred to him as an ex-cowboy. He wore cowboy clothes (though he was also partial to straw skimmers and candy-stripe silk shirts). He adopted certain old cowboy superstitions.

He rarely sat down in a room without facing the doorway, and he always carried a shining blue six-shooter which he would haul out of its holster and lay across his lap.

For a long time his manager was the playwright-gambler, Wilson Mizner. Mizner thought Ketchel looked exactly like Christy Mathewson, who was everybody's idol in those days.

"I remember him," Mizner wrote in later years, "as a laugh, a pair of shoulders and a heart."

It was Mizner who revealed the secret of Ketchel's fury in the ring – fury which has been called "maniacal," "bestial" and even "insane."

Ketchel, explained Mizner, had a violent attachment for his mother, Julia Oblinski Kaicel. She had reared five mighty sons, but between her and Stanislaus there existed something special, something rare. He was always going back to see her when things went wrong. He would put his head in her lap and cry like a baby.

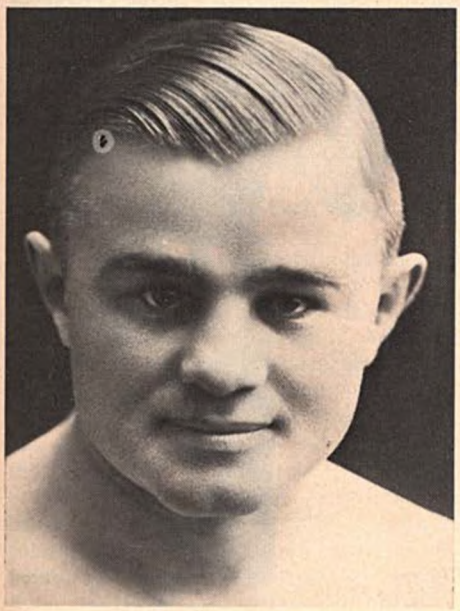
"Now," said Mizner, "when Ketchel stepped into a ring he would start imagining that his opponent had insulted his mother. By the time the idea was set in his mind, and sometimes it took a round or two, he would be fighting with insane fury."

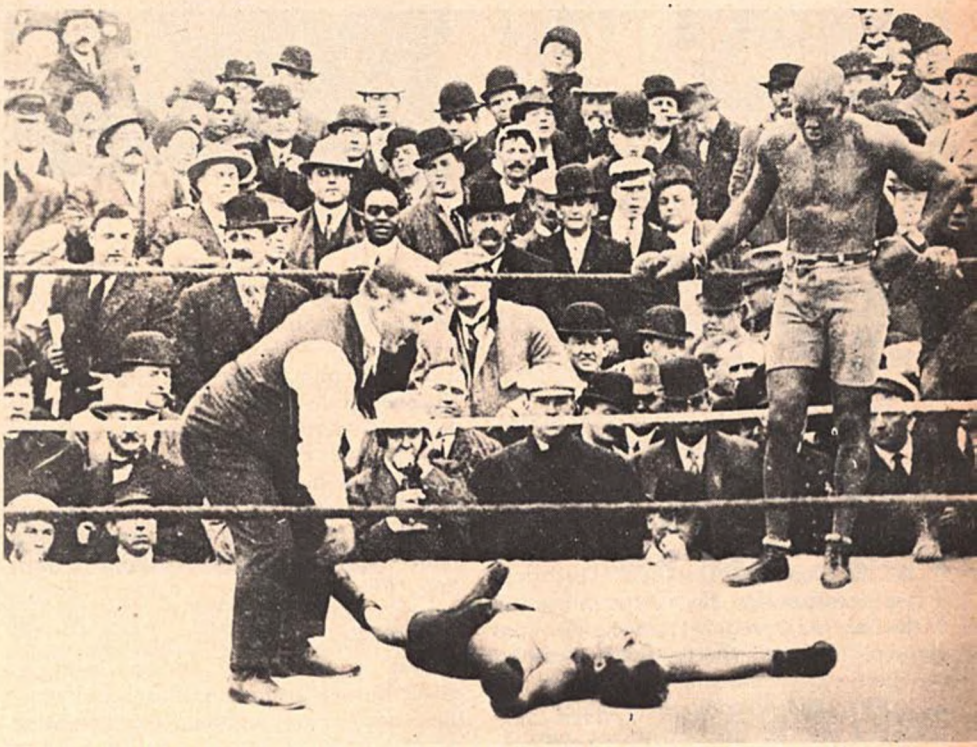
Ketchel was extremely good-looking. Women of all ages, sizes, stations in life threw themselves at him. He never ducked. He could carouse for a week with the wine and the women, then step into a ring looking like a college kid fresh from the training table, and ruin the opposition. Then he'd start hollering for more drink and more women.

He lost four fights. Two of the losses occurred at the hands of a fighter named Maurice Thompson, when Ketchel was

A rare photo of Stanley Ketchel, taken during a training session.

(Left) Ketchel, in the black trunks, and Billy Papke, square off before their first meeting, in 1908, won by Stanley in 10 rounds. (Below) Referee Jack Welch counts Ketchel out as Jack Johnson watches rather nonchalantly in the 12th round of their 1909 clash.





Billy Papke, who stopped Ketchel in 12 rounds in their second encounter, but paid dearly for his trickery in their third and final meeting.

starting his ring career. He later gave Thompson a sound beating. As for the third and fourth losses – they may reveal to us more of the true heart and soul of Ketchel than any recital of his long list of victories.

On September 7, 1908, Ketchel, middleweight champion, met Billy Papke in Los Angeles.

Ketchel had won the middleweight crown by knocking out Jack Sullivan in 20 rounds. His first fight after winning the championship had been with Papke, and he had defeated him decisively in 10 rounds. When he met Papke for the second time he was at the height of his immense popularity. He was a sport, a lady-killer, a two-fisted drinker and invincible in the ring. Papke wasn't given a chance.

It was the custom in those days for the men to shake hands as they came to the center of the ring after the opening bell. When Ketchel and Papke met in ring center Ketchel extended his hand for the conventional shake. That was when Papke won the fight. Instead of shaking hands he lashed out and caught Ketchel on the jaw with a left hook. Ketchel reeled. Papke followed with a straight right between the champion's eyes.

Ketchel got up at nine, half blind. His eyes were almost shut tight. He went down two more times in that round but Papke could not keep him down. Twice between rounds Ketchel's eyes had to be lanced and drained because they were so swollen. He kept prying the lids apart with his thumbs all the time he was groping for Papke. Papke danced around him and walloped at will. In the 12th round the referee stopped the fight.

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RING GREAT HERMAN DIES AT 77

By NAT LOUBET

PETE Herman, born Peter Gulotta, in New Orleans, La., on February 12, 1896, died recently there after a brief illness, at age 77.

Herman is regarded in boxing annals as one of the all time greats and possibly the finest bantamweight to have ever laced on a glove.

His rise from shoeshine boy to world champion began when Pete, at age 15 was refused payment by a street corner patron after the youngster had shined the character's shoes. Pete reacted with fury and waded into the supposed tough guy with a two-fisted attack that left the cheapie with two black eyes.

At the scene was Dominick Tortorick, a boxing promoter. He was so impressed with the kid's ability that he inspired Herman to follow the boxing profession.

The 5′ 2″ Italian-American turned pro in 1912 and during his career was managed by an assortment of pilots—Jerome Gargano, Sammy Goldman and Red Walsh.

Walsh, then the matchmaker for the Orleans Club, induced Herman to quit as a shoeshine boy at the Royal Street stand and take up his career in boxing. Red taught Pete the rudiments of the game and guided him through his early years as a fighter. Walsh, with Dominick, were like foster parents to Herman.

The path to the title was no bed of roses for the New Orleans flash. Herman lost a few but those around him never lost faith in his ability to eventually become a champion.

The guy had everything—durability, speed and punch. He also came up with his own style of defense modeled after the shell defense so often used during that period. Pete's version consisted of holding his hands up before his face so that he could look over his gloves or between them instead of crossing his hands like most of the other boxers of his day. Floyd Patterson, former heavyweight champion of the world, is one of the fighters still using this method.

Pete would allow an opponent to batter himself against his gloves and when the other guy was winded, would open up

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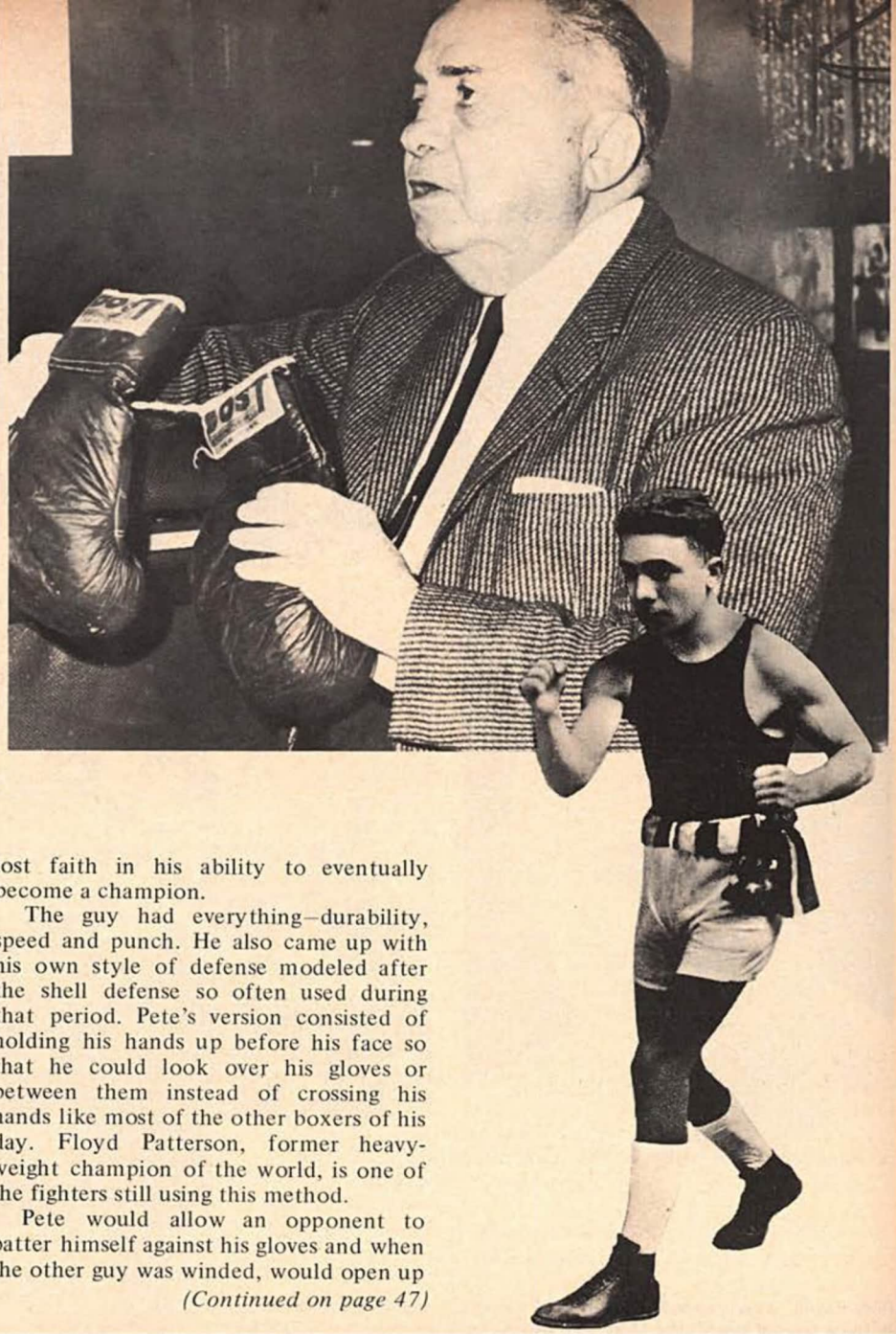
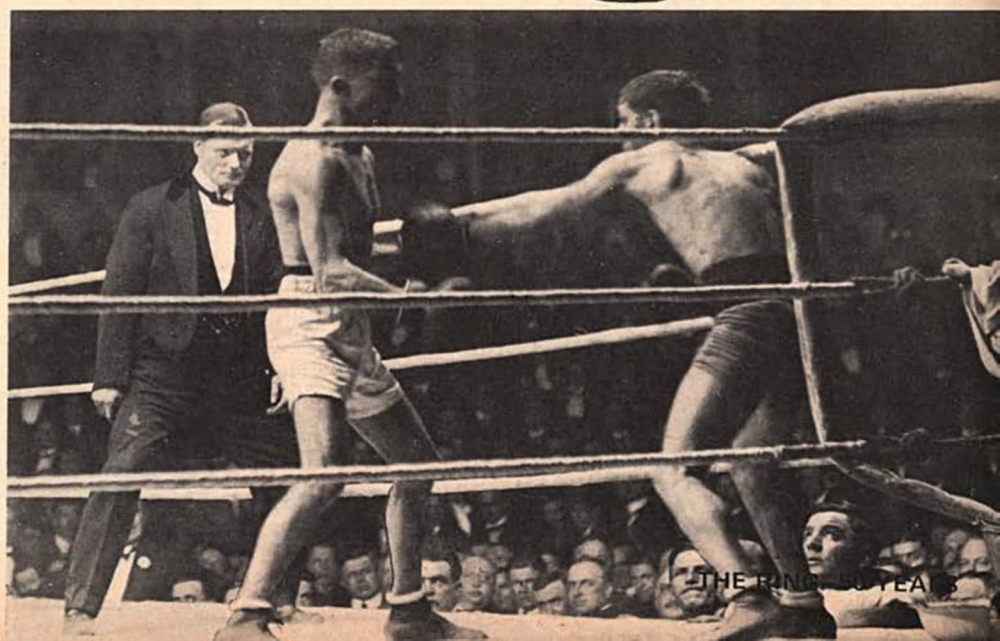




(Top) Late great Pete Herman, as he looked in recent years. (Center) Herman, when he ruled the roost as bantamweight champion of the world. (Right) Herman (white trunks) in the midst of one of his greatest triumphs, a 17-round knockout of the immortal Jimmy Wilde in London in 1921.

INSIDE THE ROPES *with* *Ruby Goldstein*

ON December 5, 1947, in New York's Madison Square Garden, Joe Louis, heavyweight champion of the world, defended the title he had won from Jimmy Braddock a decade earlier, against Jersey Joe Walcott.

Louis came into the ring weighing 211 pounds and Walcott tipped the beam at 194½.

The judges were Marty Monroe and Frank Forbes, and I was the referee.

The fight went the limit of 15 rounds, with Louis the announced winner.

I voted for Walcott, giving Jersey Joe seven rounds, with two even. I gave Louis six rounds.

Judge Forbes gave Louis eight rounds, with six for Walcott and one even.

Judge Monroe turned in this scorecard: For Louis, nine rounds. What he gave to Walcott did not matter much. The announcement was drowned out by the howling crowd, which did not seem to like the decision. About 90 percent felt that Louis had been beaten.

Twenty six years have passed. I have had a lot of opportunity to review the 15 rounds. They still stand out in my memory. I have argued it out a thousand times. I have argued in favor of myself – always.

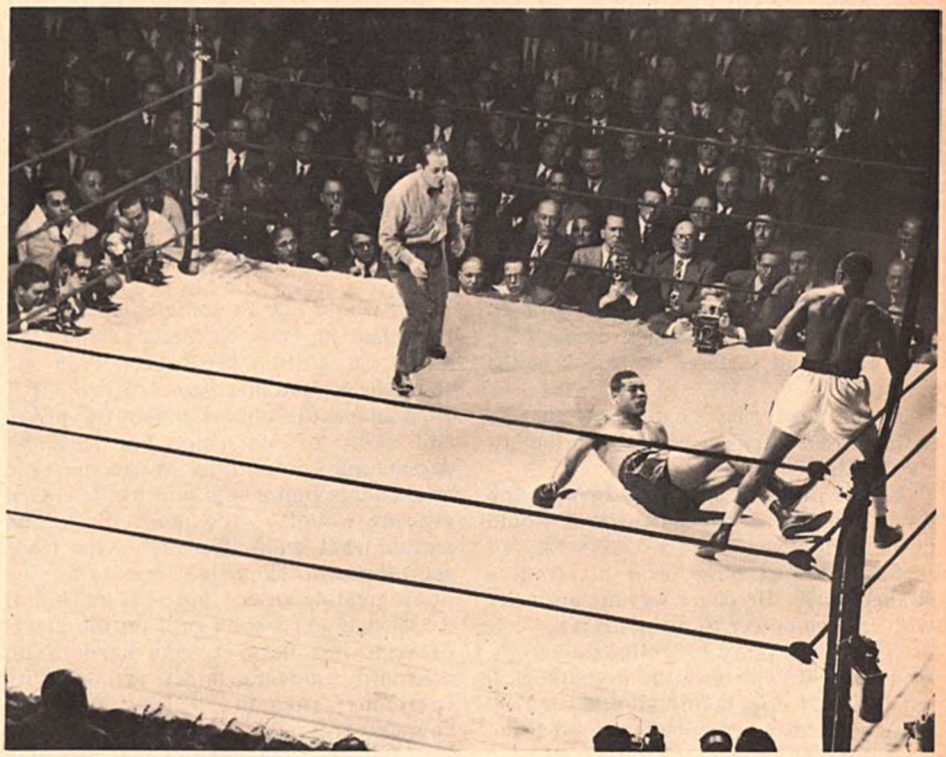
My decision in this year 1973 always has been precisely what it was on that December night in 1947. Louis was beaten.

In my opinion, Walcott deserved to become the new heavyweight champion of the world. He landed the title four years later by stopping Ezzard Charles. Jersey Joe, in turn, was knocked out by Rocky Marciano in 1952.

If either Forbes or Monroe had sided with me on the night of December 5, 1947, Walcott and his tricky right hand would have ended the reign of remarkable Joe Louis.

Voting for Walcott was not the easiest thing I ever did as a referee. I had come to know Joe at Camp Shanks and we had developed a fine friendship.

But when it came time to hand in my scorecard, I called it as I had seen it. Walcott had won, and in my book, Walcott still stands out as the winner of a splendid fight fought by two splendid professionals in a determined and sportsmanlike manner.



Referee Ruby Goldstein watches intently as heavyweight king Joe Louis is deposited on the Madison Square Garden canvas by Jersey Joe Walcott in December, 1947. Ruby's card favored Walcott but the two judges voted for Louis, thus enabling the Brown Bomber to retain his crown.

For 26 years I have defended my decision. For 26 years I have told gatherings all over the country why I voted for Walcott and why, if I had to do it all over again, my vote still would be for Jersey Joe.

At no time in the more than quarter century has Joe Louis shown any resentment toward me.

I believe that as the fight ended he felt that he had lost the title.

Instead of waiting for the official decision he started to leave the ring. He would have gone on to his dressing room if he had not been stopped by Manny Seamon.

Let us not forget that Louis had only two fights before he went into the Garden ring after three and a half years in the Army.

Walcott, a man with a large family, had been exempt from service and had gone right on fighting. He was in better condition than Louis.

It is conceivable that the pre-war Louis would have beaten Walcott. The fact is, that on June 25, 1948, Louis stopped Jersey Joe in eleven rounds. But on December 5, 1947, Joe Louis was not the fighter he was on June 25, 1948.

On March 1, 1949, Joe Louis announced his retirement. He knew that he has passed his peak, and he wanted to leave the ring as Gene Tunney had left it – unbeaten. But Louis came back. Tunney never did.

When did I sense that Louis was being beaten by Walcott? In the fifth and sixth rounds. Joe was doing things he never would have been guilty of in his prime.

Now let us review the situation which led up to my voting for Walcott.

Several months went by after the war and we were discharged. I obtained a job

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PUNCH LINES

WHEN WAS IT BROKEN?

I hope that the editors of The Ring and its readers do not believe that Ken Norton broke Muhammad Ali's jaw in the first round and that Clay had the fortitude to go 11 more heats with this handicap. I know you can't do it.

I am not derogating Ali. I have no reason to question his gameness. But he could not have opened his mouth to receive the mouth piece right through the fight if he had suffered the break in the first round.

It may serve Clay's ego to say that he suffered that intense pain through the last 11 rounds.

It was not a clean break. It shows up on the X-ray as jagged and that would mean terrific pain.

Cassius must have been hit from a strange angle. He never was hit normally with enough power to break his jaw.

It will take him a long time to recover. And then he will have the psychological handicap of the memory, and he will know that his jaw can be fractured again.

It is strange how Clay's career has been full of strange incidents, right from the day that he won the title from Liston after Ali had indicated in the fifth round that he had had enough.

Fred Kouhoven
Minneapolis, Minn.

DURAN JUDGED TOO KINDLY?

The New York Commission's decision giving Roberto Duran three months to get rid of other commitments and then fight Ken Buchanan in New York for the lightweight title certainly was a case of going easy on the Panamanian.

However, Eddie Dooley and his associates were more than just in giving Duran the extra time and in not grabbing the headlines with seizure of Duran's title.

The New York Commission got no support from anybody when it made that stupid decision which was supposed to take the welter title from Jose Napoles and hand it to Hedgeman Lewis.

It is high time that politics were barred from boxing. Politics dictated the Napoles decision. Napoles is a real champion and nobody can take the title from him through commission mandate.

Daley Freidus
Brooklyn, N.Y.C.

HE LIKES OLD TIMES

I have been looking at boxing for 70 years, and have been reading The Ring for 40.

I like to read about the old times, the old time fighters.

There is a lot of stuff yet to be mined out of the old yarns.

I never have seen a story about Billy Papke and his wife. Why did he shoot her and then kill himself?

This is a story I want The Ring to investigate. Put The Ring Detective on the job.

Herman Kronberg
Chicago, Ill.

ABOUT ROCKY MARCIANO

We would like to comment on a letter published in your November issue. The letter was written by Robert Ryan and concerns Ali and Marciano.

Most people underestimate the power and skills of Marciano. For one, his devastating power to overcome and weaken his opponents and his relentless pressure would be too much for Ali, no matter what shape Ali was in. His reach over Marciano would not matter because of his great defense.

Ali may get a solid shot on the gloves or arms but never to the head of his constantly moving target. To go with enormous strength, Rocky had the courage to carry him through many bloody crises. Ali would have been no match for Marciano.

Bill Brown and
Ricky Keel
Lakewood, N.J.

DISQUALIFICATION OF FOREMAN!

We're writing this letter in regard to the Frazier-Foreman fight. We believe this bout should have resulted in the disqualification of Foreman.

Foreman has had a history as a "dirty" fighter. To clarify this we would like to give an example.

Foreman's 24th straight win resulted in a second round kayo of Boone Kirkman. As the bout started, Foreman rushed across the ring and pushed Kirkman to the canvas. A few seconds later George again tugged Kirkman to the floor. Foreman now was warned by referee Arthur Mercante for pushing. At the end of the round the referee informed the other judges that he was taking this round away from Foreman.

Asked in his dressing room after the fight about these uncouth maneuvers George said: "I wanted him to know who was the boss right from the start."

Foreman used the same tactic on Frazier. As we all know, because of Frazier's size, in order for him to win he has to apply constant pressure on his opponent by staying in top of him. In the first round, before the first knockdown of Joe, Foreman constantly pushed Frazier away from himself. This was unbelievable. By doing this, Frazier was unable to work on the inside, and being pushed to the outside, Frazier was an open target for Foreman's power. This eventually resulted in a second round, six knockdown kayo of Joe Frazier.

Although referee Mercante warned Foreman in the second round for pushing, he failed to do so in the first, when the damage had already been done. It is our belief that if Foreman wanted to keep Frazier away, he should have used his fists, instead of pushing, to back Frazier up.

We do indeed respect George Foreman for his patriotic actions in the 1968 Olympics, but we would hope George would show a little more sportsmanship in future bouts.

Scott and Terry Wolf
Simi, California

Editor's Note: Don't you people like Foreman? He won the title fair and square.

HAIL, GEORGE FOREMAN!

January 22, 1973 saw the most exciting thing that ever happened to me in boxing when George Foreman beat Joe Frazier for the heavyweight title. I've been studying boxing and pro boxers for about 10 years now. I was sure Foreman could beat Frazier. And believe it or not, I am sure he'll beat Muhammad Ali (Clay) if they meet.

Foreman is a very strong and progressive fighter. His moves are of a champ.

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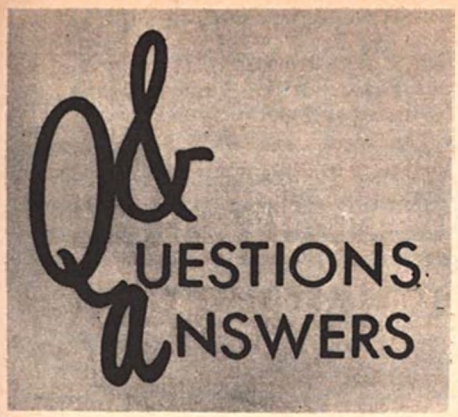
Herbert Lofter, Jr.
San Diego, Cal.

SUGGESTS JOE RETIRE

Joe Frazier should retire after such a humiliating defeat at the hands of the new champion, George Foreman. Why his manager wants a return is beyond me and after such a poor showing, I don't think he should get it. Instead let him fight a few top contenders to see how he does against them. I would like to see a Ronnie Lyle-Joe Frazier fight. I think Lyle would knock out Frazier. That is, if Joe failed to follow my advice and hang up the gloves.

Arch Hall, Jr.
Brockton, Mass.



Q. Has there ever been a heavyweight fight of any consequence outside of Clay-Norton with one of the fighters getting a broken jaw?

Raymond Cleary
Cherry Hill, N.J.

A. Marty Marshall gave Sonny Liston two jaw fractures on September 7, 1954, at Detroit in eight rounds. There have been no jaw fractures in heavyweight championship fighting.

Q. Has it been established that Sonny Liston was a drug addict?

Taylor McDougald
Las Vegas, Nev.

A. No, it has not been established.

Q. How many times did Jim Jeffries fight Jack Munroe.

Fred Wunderlich
Butte, Mont.

A. Jeffries met Munroe only once and stopped him on August 26, 1904, in San Francisco. KO in the second round. They met in December 1902 in Butte, four rounds. But it was an exhibition.

Q. Do you have any dope on a heavyweight named Paul Cardozo, working in New England?

Eli Viereck
Provincetown, Mass.

A. Paul Cardozo is a light heavyweight, from New Bedford. Has been fighting five years. Has a good record. Stopped only by Charley Polite and Jimmy Dupree.

Q. There is a tradition in the family that we had a great fighter many years ago. His name was Ernie Roeber. I have not been able to trace his genealogy, his record. Can you help me?

Carey Dowling
Philadelphia, Pa.

A. Your man was Ernest Roeber and he was a wrestler and not a fighter. Roeber was one of the finest wrestlers of his time. He lived in New York.

Q. Do you have a record of a fight in London between Benny Lynch and Digger Stanley? I cannot trace this bout and I am sure it took place.

Dale Dodsworth
Birmingham, England

A. Many of Lynch's early bouts have been lost sight of. However, Stanley fought long before Lynch's time so I would hazard the statement that they never met.

Q. Is it true that Joe Grim was decked 21 times in a fight? How much did he weigh?

Dave Creeley
Pottsville, Pa.

A. Grim weighed about 160. He was knocked down 21 times in six rounds by Johnson.

Q. What has become of Ismael Laguna? Is he fighting down in Panama?

Greg Carmody
Boston, Mass.

A. Laguna has retired. He looked capable of continuing in the ring but he said he wanted to get some fun out of life and he quit. Believe he is a trainer and advisor.

Q. How many times did Baer deck Carnera the night Max took the title from the Alp?

Teddy Grossmith
Newark, N.J.

A. Baer knocked Primo down eleven times in eleven rounds.

Q. Did Tony Canzoneri have an amateur record?

Amos Philpott
Michigan City, Indiana

A. Yes. He was an AAU champion. He won the 118-pound class in the New York State tournament in 1924.

Q. Was Harry Greb ever the official world champion light heavy?

"Friendly" Garnett
Houston, Tex.

A. Harry Greb never won the light heavy title. He weighed 158. He did win the world middleweight championship. He took it from Johnny Wilson in August 1922.

Q. Did Leach Cross ever hold the lightweight championship?

Marty Schwartz
Far Rockaway, N.Y.

A. Leach never held a title. He was a good puncher but not a great boxer.

Q. Was Eddie McGoorty an Australian or an American? What was his average weight?

Paul Clema
Omaha, Neb.

A. McGoorty was an American. But he fought often in Australia. He weighed around 160.

Q. On the basis of his having gone 15 rounds with Clay, is there a brilliant future for Mac Foster? I saw him in New York and he looked as if he had learned to box via the International Correspondence School.

Crane Deglin
Morristown, N.J.

A. Mac Foster's having gone 15 rounds with Cassius is not to be regarded as very important for the Fresno heavyweight's career.

Q. Why are there so many ups and downs in Latin-American boxing? They don't seem to hold a title edge for long down that way.

Ludwig Blicken
Frankfort, Germany

A. Effervescent nature, maybe the climate, perhaps acquisition of unusual sums of money, lots of angles.

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L.A. FANS GA-GA OVER DANNY LOPEZ

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It was with the Moons that Danny got into the only real trouble he has ever been in. He and a friend "borrowed" a tractor on a nearby farm.

"We were only 14 or 15 and the tractor got out of control," said Danny. "It wrecked a barn and did several hundred dollars worth of damage. They could have sent us to a prison farm, but they were nice about it and we worked it out. I never worked so hard in my life, but I learned a lesson."

At 16 Danny went to live with a sister in Orem, Utah. Meanwhile Ernie, whom Danny had not seen for eight years, had embarked on a boxing career. The brothers had kept in touch through letters and, in Orem, Danny had a chance to see his brother fight on television. This prompted Danny to go to the gym and start working out.

While Danny was winning amateur titles in Utah, Ernie was becoming a big name in welterweight ranks in Los Angeles. Already building a reputation as a power hitter with either hand, Danny soon ran out of opposition in Orem. He arrived in Los Angeles broke, but eager to become a professional boxer.

He lived with Ernie and his family in Arcadia and is managed by Howie Steindler, who is also Ernie's manager. The clean-cut, but frail-looking Lopez became an instant favorite with Los Angeles fans after scoring knockouts in his first two fights.

He is especially popular with the women fans. When he fights at the Olympic Auditorium they flock to see him fight. Some say they want to mother him.

Benny Georgino, a longtime ardent Los Angeles fight fan, is another who took quickly to Danny. "He's one of those kids you knew before the bell rang for his first fight that you were going to like him," said Georgino. "He has that innocent look. Then when he showed right from the start that he could fight you knew you had seen something special. He's going to be a champion."

The something special is the ability to score a one-punch knockout with either hand. Only a few fighters can register a knockout with a single punch. It is almost unheard of to be able to do it with either hand.

The biggest win of Danny's young career came last spring. Both he and Arturo Pineda, the Jesus Pimentel discovery from Mexicali. They were still teenagers and had had fewer than 25 pro fights between them. The two were the most talked about fighters in L. A.

When they met the top ticket price was $30. Many thought it was too much. But Mrs. Aileen Eaton at the Olympic had to turn away several thousand people and the gate was $93,000. Danny scored a spectacular knockout over the favored, more experienced Pineda.

Steindler, a longtime trainer and manager who never has had a world champion, watches Danny carefully. His main concern is that Danny's love of working out and his impatience may cause problems.

"At his age he should not be training this hard," said Steindler. "There is no chance to find out what the right for him will be. I'm not going to rush him. This is the kind of a kid who comes along once in a lifetime and I'm going to make sure he gets every opportunity to prove it."

Danny is tall and slender at 5-9. He can make 126 pounds and is rated high among the featherweights. He may soon challenge for the title. At the rate of progress this could be in the fall.

● MILETTI-HAYWARD DRAW ●

LABRADOR, Can. — Montreal welterweight Angelo Miletti boxed a ten round draw with Terry Hayward (Labrador). It was Miletti's 8th pro bout. He has a record of 7-0-1.

ITALIAN RING COUNTS HEAVILY ON ARCARI FOR REVIVAL IMPETUS

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Carrasco a world title fight versus Arcari and the Spanish star announced his retirement, entering with tennis ace Manuel Santana and motorcycle world champion Jose Nieto in the publicity offices of Marlboro cigarettes. If the situation goes back to normal, maybe we arrive in time for a promotion (Rodolfo Sabbatini is the promoter of Arcari) of the most exciting world title possible in Europe.

Arcari and Carrasco are good friends, but only when they meet in some "gala" as when Pedro applauded Bruno when he received the Italian Press Oscar as the Fighter of the Year.

Arcari would like a fight with Napoles, but my opinion is to forget the Cuban living in Mexico until the last day of his boxing story. Napoles is too good for everybody, not only for Arcari.

Napoles is a tough fighter, a great fighter, who at this time looks to be far superior to anybody whom he might meet.

Let Arcari stay away from Napoles and he will prove to the world that Italy has a truly great fighter worthy of world acclaim. There is no reason why Arcari should go out of his class.

LADY LUCK WORKED HARD TO CLEAR WAY FOR BRADDOCK

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stepping back whenever Baer did throw his Sunday punch.

Braddock performed his task to perfection to the utter amazement of the entire boxing world, as he won a unanimous decision in 15 rounds. Baer, the man who was supposed to be the champion for years and years, showed only sporadic flashes of his great ability.

When Braddock, the "Cinderella Man," was announced as the winner and new heavyweight champion of the world, a great roar went up from the enthused and still stunned crowd in recognition of perhaps the biggest upset in boxing history and of Braddock, the man who engineered the fantastic feat.

● DIAZ WINS DOMINICAN REP. TITLE OVER ESTRELLA IN 12 ●

By JUAN ORTIZ

Santo Domingo, Dominican Rep. — Pedro Jose Diaz, 119, won the Island bantamweight title via 12-round decision over Benitin Estrella.

In a ten-round bout Nelson Tamariz, 123, outpointed Heriberto Olivera, 123.

Carlos Gil, 136, halted Willy Carrasco in five; Adriano Marrero, 122, defeated Tony Tris, 123, in eight. The opening four was awarded to Jose Batista, 134, over Duarte Mauicio, 132. All boxers on the card are from the Dominican Republic.

INSIDE THE ROPES

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with Schenley Distillers and Joe Louis went into training, getting ready to defend his title.

His first defense was a return engagement against Billy Conn, who also had spent over three years in the Army. Their first bout was really hectic with Louis a KO victor in the 13th round. You couldn't prove it by me as I didn't see the fight. Many thought Conn was a bit in front when the KO landed. He was beginning to trade punches with Joe. This was a dangerous thing to do as you left yourself open, and in that situation Louis really could lay it on.

Louis won the second Conn bout via the KO route in the sixth round. This one lacked the fire that radiated in their first encounter. It was understandable. Both had been inactive for too long a period and it is almost impossible to regain the razor edge so soon, if at all.

Shortly after this bout Louis defended his crown against Tami Mauriello, a game fighter but in a little over his head. The bout ended in the first round with Louis once again a KO victor.

The next time Joe and I saw each other was on December 5, 1947, when he was facing Jersey Joe. He wasn't like the pre-war Louis though he now had two bouts under his belt. Walcott was a good fighter. He was hard to hit due to his fast and shifty style. He possessed an extremely tricky and hard right hand. Proof of this was that Louis hit the canvas twice.

I think that the reason for Joe's attempting to leave the ring quickly after the fight was that he was disappointed in his showing. The packed house was roaring but soon there was near silence and announcer Harry Balogh appeared. Soon the scores were read and pandemonium followed.

I started to leave the ring but it became impossible. Some slapped me on the back, some tried to shake my hand. One woman was furious and brandished an umbrella and I felt sure she was going to strike me as she shouted some harsh words. "You dirty – you miserable –."

I was saved by her escort who restrained her by yelling, "No, not him, he voted for Walcott."

She changed completely. She said, "God bless you."

Soon two security men paved a path for me and I reached my dressing room. A few minutes later I was joined by Forbes and Monroe. We had nothing to say to each other. When there is a disagreement among officials it never is discussed. Each feels he used his best judgement and called it as he saw it.

The decision created quite a controversy which was a great break for me and mainly due to Joe Louis. I'll never forget him. What a gentleman! The usual press interview didn't take place immediately after the bout. I think it took place a day later. I could have understood if he was angry at me as there he was on his feet after 15 rounds, a championship at stake which can mean a couple of million dollars.

At the interview, which went throughout the world, the late Lewis Burton of the Journal-American asked Joe what he thought of my voting against him. He said, "I know Ruby. He calls them as he sees them and that's good enough for me and should be for anyone else."

With that I would like to slip the first Louis-Walcott fight back into the fistic archives, and go on to my further adventures.

I would like to tell you next about that blazing hot night of June 25, 1952, when Ray Robinson fought Joey Maxim, and I was the referee.

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COOPER, BRITAIN'S LEGEND IN HIS OWN TIME

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parties, bazaars, new supermarkets and to make after dinner speeches that his veteran manager Jim Wicks, now 78, grumbles:

"When we retired from boxing I thought I would have a quiet life. But it's murder. Everybody wants 'En-ery. He was booked up five nights a week throughout 1971 and '72 and he is still booked up every night for 1973."

Cooper adds dignity to the fight scene. Like Jack Dempsey, who became more popular after losing his title to Gene Tunney in 1926, his company and opinions are sought everywhere.

"The best thing that has happened to boxing since the arrival of Cassius Clay was the winning of the world title by George Foreman" says Cooper. "Clay did a great job reviving boxing at a time when it was rather low, and you know in Britain, Clay has more following from the women than the men. They all love him and I've had hundreds of requests to bring back his autograph. He was a shot in the arm to world-wide boxing.

"Foreman can do the same thing. And to be honest I didn't pick George to beat Frazier. I admired Foreman ever since watching him on television win the Olympic gold medal in Mexico, but I thought that maybe they had brought him in against Frazier a year too soon, and that Smokin' Joe would get inside that powerful left and give him Hell.

"But the way George handled Joe like a novice and a baby and pushing him around contemptuously makes me feel he'll be the champion for years.

"It's the heavyweight situation that decides whether boxing booms or slumps. I'm glad that I was just about heavy enough to get out of the light heavies class to have won the British and Europe heavy titles because that's where I made a lot of cash and I hope had some good influence on the sport.

"Look what Joe Louis did for his race. He was such a great champion and conducted himself so correctly that black and white looked up to him with respect and a whole lot of new black champions appeared on the scene.

"Rocky Marciano, too, earned only respect and did the fight game a lot of good. When Cassius Clay won the Olympic light heavyweight gold medal, I was most impressed by him. He became for me one of the great champions because he entertained as well as won.

"I've always respected the guy though I do wish he hadn't said some of the things he said. At one time, he was respected by everybody in the world, both as a boxer and a talker. Sure, he was big-headed and big-mouthed, but it was all good fun and the boxing fans loved it.

"Then he got a little too involved in politics and racialism for my liking. I like a man to say what he honestly believes, but I don't believe sport and politics ever mix. That's why I felt sick at what went on in the Olympic Games at Munich last year.

"As I said earlier Clay did more than anybody to revive boxing in America and in Britain, but he made so many enemies with his big mouth. That's why a lot of people were glad to see Joe Frazier come up and beat him two years ago.

"I always had great respect for Joe as a champion. That's why I was a little shocked the way Foreman toyed with him. I had to ask myself whether Foreman is as good as he looked or whether Frazier had gone back so far that he made George look a superman.

"There seems no doubt that Muhammad Ali took a lot out of Joe in that 15-round slam.

"I recall before I met Cassius the first time that Sonny Liston was the heavyweight champion and everybody talked of him as a sort of monster after he twice destroyed Floyd Patterson in one round. In fact, the boxing writers couldn't see anyone coming along to beat him for years.

"And I don't mind confessing my manager, Jim Wicks, said to me: "En-ery. Liston is one we don't take. So I fight Clay, nearly knocked him out but got stopped with blood pouring out of cuts around my eyes in the fifth round.

"Clay goes back to America and takes the title off Liston. Sonny couldn't hurt him and quit on his stool to give up the heavyweight title. In the return fight, Clay knocks Liston out with the first real punch landed. That's why I say never bet on fights!

"I hope Foreman won't prove to be the myth that Liston turned into. I'm sure he won't disappoint. He looks such a superb athlete and can box as well as hit. I think he'll be a champion who will bring credit to boxing.

"When I saw the Foreman-Frazier fight on closed circuit television in London, I was asked who I thought was the best heavyweight champion I'd seen. Well, I must vote for old Cassius. At his peak he was a superb athlete and boxer. I admit he has generally lacked a knockout punch, but I don't think Frazier or Foreman would have beaten him at his peak.

"What about now? I think the years and that absence from the ring would catch up with him against Foreman who is only 24 and must be the fittest and strongest man in the world today. I will have to pick Foreman when and if they meet.

"When you look at some of the recent world heavyweight champions you realize what a great job boxing does. Floyd Patterson and Foreman both admit they were brought up in tough quarters and became child delinquents. Boxing rescued them both and gave them a pride to make them good American citizens.

"Liston had a bad upbringing and was always in trouble with the law. Yet boxing got him out of the mess he was in. And the sport has helped Ron Lyle to straighten himself out. I wasn't brought up in anything like such a tough environment, but kids can always get into trouble and George, my twin brother, and I could have got into some scrapes, but we loved boxing and it was in the gym as kids that we let off steam.

"Thank God, there are no hungry families in Britain today. That, of course, means there are no hungry fighters either.

"I've never been happy about all the club boxing that has sprung up in Britain. I mean, all those fights that take place in posh hotel banqueting rooms with members and guests all toffed up in tuxedoes, eating dinner, drinking wine and smoking large cigars.

"Perhaps I'm old-fashioned but it's not the real atmosphere for a fight. But let me be frank. It's better to have boxing under these conditions than no boxing at all.

"Yet it seems all wrong to me that recently two British title fights took place in hotel rooms with just a few hundred club members present. Bunny Sterling retained his middleweight title against Don McMillan at a Birmingham sporting club while Ken Buchanan regained the British lightweight title from Jim Watt in a Glasgow hotel.

"Not long ago Ken had fought to a packed house in Madison Square Garden. It seemed wrong to me that he should be fighting for a title with a few exclusive members present. I think boxing—especially championship fights—belongs to the public.

"As for the middleweight title watched by a few hundred spectators! The middleweight division used to be so good with champions like Len Harvey, Jock McAvoy, Ernie Roderick, Randolph Turpin and Terry Downes.

"But boxing will never die in Britain. It's in a very healthy state among the amateurs and that's where the professionals come up from.

"And, wherever I go round the country young kids come up to me either for an autograph or a picture. And they all ask me about Muhammad Ali, Joe Frazier or George Foreman and some of them now want to know all about Ron Lyle because they've been reading all about him in the Ring Magazine.

"When the youngsters are still interested, there's no danger for the future of boxing. It's the oldest sport in the world and it's here to stay forever."

UP AND DOWN

Old Broadway

By SAM TAUB

SAMMY Markowitz, one of the founders of Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 and Chairman of the Board of Directors Emeritus, holds one of the most unique records in the boxing profession. He fought in every country on the globe. Unbelievable but true. He was with Uncle Sam's Navy when the U.S.S. Utah made a historic diplomatic cruise around the world and everywhere they stopped they had fights and Sammy was one of the gladiators.

All this came out after Sammy, who is 73, was honored as the Mayor of 15th Avenue, Brooklyn. The affair was held at Pete's Restaurant, 18 Bay Ridge Avenue, where many celebrities were on hand. It was a great night for Sammy and wife Tillie, who have been married for more than 40 years.

Sammy vividly recalls his experiences while in the Navy. His most memorable one took place in Portsmouth, England. It was sponsored by the Duke of Windsor, who later became King, when he clashed with Harry Ashdowne, who was billed as the middleweight champion of the British Empire, over the 20 round distance.

Although Markowitz was a junior welterweight, he had many scuffles with heavier foemen in his tour of the world and was paid for boxing. Every port they came to booked a fight program and Sammy was on all of them for the entire cruise. Mostly he was pitted against champions from the different ships they met up with on their tour.

Markowitz was a pro boxer from 1918 to 1926, having engaged in some 200 fights and met most of the outstanding performers of that era around the East, men like Eddie Shevlin, from Boston, and other top ranked performers. Sam's manager in the Navy was Spike Burwell and when he returned to civvies his managers were Al Delmont, of Boston, and Harry Alberts and Benny Feinberg, well known in New York fistic circles. Sam later was a success in the business world.

Sharing the spotlight with Markowitz were former champions Paul Berlenbach and Lou Salica, Solly Seeman, former California junior lightweight champion and his wife Rose, Jack Duberstein, Commissioner of Elections of the City of New York, formerly a Deputy Boxing Commissioner, Anthony Durso, also formerly with the Boxing Board and presently County Clerk in Brooklyn, Ruby Goldstein, President of VBA Ring #8, Sammy Venti, Steve Riggio, Joe Mulli, Sam's brother Morris Markowitz, and his wife Rose, as well as photographer Don Francione.

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One of the guests was Patrick J. Goggins, President of the Honor Legion, Police Department, City of New York. . .The slogan of the Honor Legion is "The Finest of the Finest", the Legion being made up of policemen who were cited for acts of bravery.

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Bill "Moose" Miller, who has been associated with the boxing game and affiliated with many promotions, has finally called it quits after 60 years. Bill, who is 79, living in Brooklyn, gives illness as his reason for retirement. Miller was

(Left to right) Ruby Goldstein, Sam Taub, Jack Duberstein and Sammy Markowitz. Photo by Don Francione.

once with Andy Neiderreiter and Al Bolan, and was close to the Madison Square Garden people. "Moose", as he is affectionately called, is an amiable chap who loves the boxing game. Good luck, William!

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Peter Fuller, Boston sportsman, was a visitor a short time ago in New York's Felt Forum. It was a business trip but he also came to the fights to see a youthful giant and ex-football player named Cliff McDonald in action. Pete's rooting didn't help as his man failed to win but Fuller's still high on the lad. Fuller, president of the Boston Cadillac-Olds automobile company, has been looking for a heavyweight prospect since he had Tom McNeeley, who fought Floyd Patterson for the heavyweight crown. Pete also dabbles in horse racing but was unfortunate when his Kentucky Derby victor, Dancer's Image, was disqualified after winning. You can't take Fuller out of sports and the son of former Bay State Gov. Alvan Fuller and a Harvard grad has several prospects under his wing. One is Bob Woodall and another Alex Brown and he is high on a Golden Glove prospect. Joe Sideri, a 200 pounder, 19 years old, who stands 6 feet 2 inches. . .Pete and his wife Joan have eight children, seven of them girls.

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KETCHEL FORGOT TO SIT FACING DOORWAY WHEN SHOT

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Six weeks later, they met again in San Francisco. When they stepped to ring center for the referee's instructions, Ketchel waved the referee aside and made a little speech to Papke. Here is Mizner's report of that speech:

"You copped a sneak on me that time in Los Angeles, didn't you, Bill? Well . . . you're goin' to have the reputation of bein' middleweight champion a shorter time than any man in history. I'm goin' to murder you in the next half hour. You'll never put up a good fight again as long as you live. You needed 12 rounds to drop a blind man. I'm goin' to leave your eyes open so you can see the referee count you out in the 11th. I'll show you in the first I can stop you, but I'll wait until the 11th."

Ketchel knocked Papke down 14 times. He timed the knockdowns so that Papke was saved by the bell in three different rounds. Ketchel broke Papke's nose, several of his ribs and, presumably, his heart. In the 11th Papke fell down for the final time, face forward.

Ketchel had made a famous boast when he was still in his teens. He said he'd win the middleweight championship, and then, the heavyweight title.

By 1908 he had made good on the middleweight prophecy. In 1909, having beaten everyone available in his own weight and size, he decided the time was ripe for the heavyweight try. He weighed 160 pounds but issued the challenge to Jack Johnson, first of the Negro heavyweight champions.

Johnson has been called the greatest heavyweight champion of them all by many sportswriters. He could hit with power, but he was known primarily as a defensive fighter.

"He had a knack of catching punches as an outfielder catches a baseball," wrote Damon Runyon. "He reached out and grabbed most of them before they got well started."

Johnson was a giant with a giant's strength. At one point in the fight he lifted Ketchel with one hand and carried him to the center of the ring.

Ketchel always insisted that Johnson was 65 pounds heavier. Johnson said he was 25 pounds heavier. Actually the correct figure was exactly in between; Ketchel weighed 160 and Johnson 205.

They were opposites in more ways than size. Johnson was as casual in the ring as Ketchel was serious.

Ketchel would snort and snarl when he got hurt. Johnson's grin would grow broader the more he got hit. He liked to hold conversations with friends at ringside while fighting; he loved to smile in the heat of battle because he was extremely proud of his full set of gold teeth.

There are movies of the Ketchel-Johnson fight – pale and shaky but still a standard work for all students of the sport.

Ketchel kept wading in, Johnson kept picking him off. This was supposed to be according to the script. For a long time there had been rumors that the fix was in. The story was that Johnson would carry the little man along, let him make a showing.

Ketchel, in return, was to put up a fight but to let the big man win. Then they could share the gravy of a return bout. For 11 rounds both men seemed to be playing their parts beautifully. Then, in the 12th, something happened that wasn't according to the script, if script there was. Ketchel caught Johnson on the jaw with a punch that knocked him over backwards.

Now let's look at the movies of the fight:

The referee starts counting as Johnson rocks forward on all fours. Johnson gets to one knee. At the count of eight Johnson rises. Ketchel starts coming at him for the kill. For that fleeting moment on film Johnson looks like the man shot from a cannon; he seems to fly across the ring at the oncoming Ketchel.

The blow he lands on Ketchel's mouth seems to rock the camera. Everything is confusion – flying arms and legs (Johnson's momentum after the blow is so great he has to turn a kind of cartwheel to keep himself from going through the ropes) and the referee gets in everybody's way. Then Johnson is standing casually against the ropes and Ketchel is flat on his back and the referee is counting. He counts to 10 before Ketchel moves a muscle.

After a few more fights Ketchel had what everyone was pleased to call a nervous breakdown and had to go away for a complete rest. He went to Conway, Missouri, to the ranch of a Colonel R. P. Dickerson, an old friend and admirer.

Out on the range, the fog seemed to lift from his mind, and an old dream came back to him. On October 8, 1910, one week before he died, he wrote a letter to Wilson Mizner:

"Dear Bill: More than ever before I'm stuck on this farming thing and I guess I'll be here for life. I have bought 3300 acres and I intend to incorporate for about $300,000, put in a sawmill and lumber it off. It will be one of the finest farms in the world. If I do any more fighting, Bill, it will be for fun or for charity. This is the place for me . . . .

Your farmer pal,
Steve."

On the Dickerson ranch there was a cook named Goldie Smith. Ketchel was a sick man, but Ketchel was always Ketchel.

Goldie had a sweetheart, a ranch hand named Walter Dipley. One morning Goldie told Dipley that Ketchel had made a few ungentlemanly remarks to her.

Ketchel and Dipley had had words before. Ketchel had bawled him out for beating a horse.

When Ketchel came down to breakfast that morning he found his chair in an unfamiliar spot. When he sat down he placed his revolver on his lap but he had his back to the door.

Suddenly the door was thrown open. Dipley stood in the doorway waving a .22 rifle.

"Throw up your hands!" shouted Dipley. Ketchel, turning back to his breakfast, told him to beat it. Dipley shouted, "You're a prizefighter, but you can't come down here and insult my woman without paying for it!"

Ketchel stopped eating and slowly started to rise. Dipley shot him in the back. Ketchel fell to the floor. Dipley then fled.

When Colonel Dickerson, who had heard the shot, lifted Ketchel from the floor, the dying man was barely able to murmur, "Take me home to Mom, Pete."

That night Ketchel died in a hospital in Springfield.

Wilson Mizner, when he heard of Ketchel's death, said the best thing anybody ever said about Stanley. "That darling kid can't be dead," he cried. "Start counting over him – he'll get up."

ELLIS BLASTS HARRIS IN SECOND ROUND AT BENEFIT

By JOE PLANT

Huntington, West Va. — The Green Acres Hospital benefit show was a great success at the gate. Jim Setzer and Kenny Grant, the promoters, did a good job and received the full cooperation of local papers.

7,000 fans crowded into the Marshall University Field House. Jimmy Ellis, 201, KO'd Joe Harris, 192, Cincinnati, at 2:06 of round two. Harris came to fight and went right after Ellis at the opening bell. Harris landed with some potent left hooks and had Jimmy on the defensive.

In the second round Ellis came out determined to stop Harris. Left hooks to the body brought down Joe's guard and he caught a terrific right to the jaw. He was down for the count of eight but came back fighting. Another hard right put Joe down for ten.

Johnny North, 132, Cincinnati, stopped Willie Williams, 133, Cleveland, at 2:24 of round 7 in the semi-final.

Eddie Queen, 162, Montgomery, W.Va. beat Burt Hayes, 163, Vienna, W.Va., in a 6 rounder. Bill Sams, 135, Marmet, W.Va., won a 6 round decision over Larry Moore, 135, Charleston.

● CARELLI STOPS TYSON IN ● SECOND OF BUFFALO FIASCO

BUFFALO, N.Y. — In a brief mismatch Aldo Carelli (Toronto) toyed with Al Tyson (Buffalo) in a light heavyweight go.

Tyson was down in the first, again twice in the second. It was halted at 1:52 of that round.

MIKE QUARRY ENDS WHITE'S DREAMS

By TOM EPHREM

ORLANDO, FLA. — They call him "Snake" and, for five rounds, Walter White fought like one, darting in and out with an authoritative left hand streaking jabs and hooks on the big game, who just happened to be Mike Quarry.

He came unheralded, unsung, talent known only to boxing people in home-town Tampa and his shrewd manager, Lou Viscusi. No, Walter didn't win over Mike, fact is he lost the ten round decision by unanimous vote. But the story lies in his splendid, courageous effort against one of the top-ranking light heavyweights and the tremendous cheers that greeted him after the excellent clash, the best Orlandoans have seen in ages.

Quarry, the 177-pound Adonis from Oakland, California, and half the team of boxing Quarrys has had easy pickings in Orlando participations. White figured to be another. It didn't work out thataway. The Tampa light heavy indicated from the very start he meant business by building up a lead in five rounds that had over 1700 fans visioning a major upset. White's "attitude" must have rankled the Californian and before long Mike was bringing out his left-right combinations, ring savvy and aggressiveness to whittle the lead down. By the tenth and final round Mike felt more comfortable. A controversial fifth angered Quarry over Referee Dave Hanlon's approach to what Mike felt the fight should have been stopped or allowed to go on. He had landed a left on White's temple and the punch sent White to the ropes. Dazed and with hands down, Hanlon, feeling the decision to be his gave Walter a mandatory eight-count, ruling it a standup-knockdown. Quarry didn't like it. The scoring: Judge Mike Andrews, 100-88; Judge Jack DeFranco, 99-90, and Judge Bob Burns, 98-94, all for Mike. The loser tipped 171. Promoting was Pete Ashlock and his matchmaker, Malcolm Tait. The undercard featured a newcomer from Springfield, Missouri, a youngster with promise, Johnny Penny. He punched out a six-round decision over Lonnie Robbins, of Altamonte Springs. Penny is handled by Lou Viscusi. Al Migliorato, of Miami Beach, felled his neighbor, Larry Daniels, of Miami, in the second round of a heavyweight encounter. In another heavyweight bout, David Rub, of Eustis, took a four round decision over Boyd Edwards, of Orlando, unanimously. Phil Little, of Lockhart, halted LARRY St. Peter, of Apopka, in the fourth of a lightweight match.

▲**TAMPA** — Ring Post 50. . .A sports editor with deep affection for the boxing game is Frank Klein, whose column in the Tampa Daily Times is widely read and like himself, respected in that gracious city and our lovely Southland. A pleasure to have met this gentleman of the press. . .Boxing is one of the answers to fight off juvenile delinquency, said Malcolm Beard, Sheriff of Hillsborough County. He spoke at RP 50's monthly meeting, which was held at the Tampa Federal Savings and Loan Company. Sheriff Beard cited the sport as keeping the youngsters off the streets, provides good, wholesome activities and gives them a sense of direction and an aim in life. Spoken like a champ, Sheriff. . .Abe Goldstein, former bantamweight champion, whose home now is St. Petersburg, joined two other ex-champs, Kid Gavilan, welterweight, and Jimmy Goodrich, lightweight, in RP 50 and made an honorary member. Gavilan is a Tampan and Goodrich lives in Fort Myers. . .Another boxing personality honored by this wonderful group is fight manager Yank Durham, a life member. . .RP 50 now has a membership of more than 140 and yours truly is one of the proud ones. . .Former lightweight ace Chino Alvarez was noted for his terrific right hand punch and some of that power must have rubbed off on the young man he trains, J. T. Dowe, who can hit hard as nails. . .Trainer Bill Gore still has the water bottle he used when ex-featherweight champion Willie Pep was thrilling fans with that boxing science of his. . .Now that Tony Licata has beaten Alvin Phillips and is the Southern middleweight champion of the west side of the South, will he and Dennis Riggs, SM champ on the east side of the South get together to settle the issue? They had met in Jacksonville a few months ago and went 12 rounds to a draw. . .Tom Edrington, sports writer for the Tampa Tribune and Chris Polkowski are two new friends among the young set who love the game we love best. Polkowski sports writes for the Orlando Sentinel. . .Lou Viscusi was the first to say Walter White would give ranking light heavy Mike Quarry plenty of trouble. How true. . .Both Tom Edrington and Chris Polkowski are in high praise of Johnny Penny, a middleweight out of Springfield, Missouri, and Edrington reports young Penny will move down to Tampa and box out of here. Edrington is equally in praise of an amateur boxer, "Sweet Marlin" Lewis, who has fine moves and should become a big hit with Tampans. . .As Mike Quarry and Vicente Rondon have found out, Walter White is no slouch with that left hand. Now to build up that right. . .

▲**TAMPA** — Mario Saurennann didn't fool around. Eddie Davis did. Result: Saurennann, a welterweight out of Philadelphia won a split decision in ten rounds over the local battler with a spirited finish in the final stanza. The bout was void of the excitement Tampans are familiar with. Davis was content to move around than to box in the first few rounds and Mario made the most of it to accumulate points. Eddie managed to climb up but went into his role as "mover" in the last stanza and lost his chances for a draw or a win. Saurennann, handled by Yank Durham, who worked his corner, received votes of Judges Herbie Allen and Sam Klein, 96-95 and 98-95, in that order, while Judge Floyd Golden figured Davis, 98-96. Bennie Ramirez, San Juan junior lightweight, cut short his fight with Heriberto Cintron, of Puerto Rico, with a TKO in the seventh of an intended ten. Sandy Torres, 144¾, San Juan, upset Angel Robinson Garcia, 145, Miami, in ten. Torres gained a split decision. Nelson Alphonso, 141½, stopped Sandy Jefferis, 143, of St. Petersburg, in the third round when Sandy suffered a cut eye. In an amateur bout, Marlin Lewis, 168, Tampa, registered the only knockdown on the card, winning by a TKO in the third round over a game but green Mike McMinney, 177, also Tampa. Lee Sala, former middleweight contender, refereed. Keith Lancaster promoted.

▲**SAVANNAH** — Jimmy Lee Nixon entered the pro ranks and faced Elijah Jenkins, of Atlanta, to top Promoter Jim Rich's offering at the Savannah Sports Arena. Nixon lost in his pro debut but it was so close, yet satisfying to the good crowd because of the action involved. Jenkins, 210, and 13 pro fights old, had experience on his side and it counted. He dropped Nixon with a right to the head to help settle the issue. But Nixon is to be heard from. He seems to have the goods. George "Babe" Clark, TKOed Sonny Middleton in the second round of a light heavyweight tangle. The winner is from Brunswick and holds numerous amateur titles. Another Brunswick boy under Coach Chuck Gonzales, kayo artist Julian Butler, knocked out Elijah Boles in the first round. Boles, not as experienced as Butler was taken to Memorial Hospital for observation. Roger Sapp, a classy lightweight from Brunswick, defeated Danny Emanuel. Ben Turner TKOed Curtis Astell in the first round with a round of good shots that dropped Astell. Coach Chuck Gonzales then tossed in the towel. Calvin Mobley defeated Vincent Brown, while Donnie Austin bested Bert Gaston. Two teeny-weeny 35 pounders provided the night's best entertainment. In this Tiger Thomas and Bulldog Weeks battled to a draw. Their real names are, Debbie and Karen, last names unknown.

▲**TAMPA** — Any fighter with a punch in either mitt can turn defeat into victory. It worked well with Irish Gil King, of Los Angeles, whose record is filled with short-stoppers. Against Prince Jimmy Hamm, the tall Californian demonstrated his punching power by coming from way, way behind to snatch what would have been in a matter of a few seconds a victory for Hamm. It looked so easy for Hamm. For nine rounds the fight was his. But he was tiring and that was all King could see. A left hook to the midsection, followed by a right to the jaw and Hamm was down. At nine he was up. Another shelling by King and Prince Jimmy was back down again. Referee Uly Valles stepped in with good judgement, despite the 45 remaining seconds and signalled "it's all over." The 1500 customers had witnessed a tremendous comeback. They more than got their money's worth, and let the fighters know it. The game loser is from Jacksonville. Both fighters are welterweights. The night's pleasure didn't just come from the main event. Take, for instance, the return bout between local favorite Hector McBride and Karey Palmer, a South Carolinian. These junior lightweights provided action by seconds and the on-lookers were treated to McBride hitting the canvas in round two. Putting the good words of Trainer Bill Gore together with the boxing lessons he was taught, the Tampa Terror roared back. He got back in the fight and in the seventh, dropped Palmer with a short right, then steamed in with a left hook. That is what the crowd wanted to see. Palmer didn't stay down. After a count he was up and fighting back. McBride had it though, and the decision was all his, a well-earned unanimous verdict after eight furious rounds. There were other fine fights. Saw Pretty, 160, Tampa, was another on the losing end until he got in a pretty right cross that wobbled Peaches Roberts, and Referee Lee Sala was forced to stop it. Roberts, 155, Tampa, was winning hands down until the fateful fifth. He had gone down for a nine count from Pretty's punch. Roscoe Bell, 157, Miami, felled gamester Henry Thomas, 150, Tupelo, Mississippi, in the second round. Bernie Bennett, 185, Tampa, won a four round decision over Tito Fontano, 183, Tampa. In an amateur bout, three rounds, Doug Henderson, 137, a senior at the University of South Florida, fought a draw with Butch Fogarty, 135, student at Hillsborough High. This fine card was promoted by Keith Lancaster.

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▲**SAVANNAH** — In a better than usual type exhibitions, former heavyweight champion Jimmy Ellis demonstrated boxing skill and footwork against three heavyweight opponents before a crowd estimated at about 1600 fans at the Armory. There were moments when Ellis had to use a little power when an adversary got "too anxious." Boxing three rounds each with Elijah Jenkins, of Atlanta; Fred Sullivan, of Savannah, and Jimmy Lee Nixon, of Springfield, Ellis tested out his one-two combos. He shook up several of the heavyweights and dropped Nixon for a count in the second round. Sullivan got in several good shots but the man best in there with Jimmy turned out to be Nixon. In regulation fight, Gene Wells, of Louisville, same as Ellis, fought Henry "Slick" Mitchell, of Jacksonville and Brunswick, and ended the bout in round three by a knockout. Wells was sharp with left jabs and when the time came shot a right for the pay-off punch. They're middleweights. In amateur bouts: Julian Butler, one of Brunswick's best, kayoed Tommy Freymouth, of Savannah, in the third round. Other Brunswick boys were in matches. Roger Sapp, 132, Brunswick, lost a close three rounder to Ben Turner, of Charleston, a good win for Turner, also 132. Calvin Mobley, 121, Brunswick, lost to Danny Davenport, of Atlanta, same weight, and an upset here, also. Leon Futch, 165, Brunswick, was held to a draw in three by McArthur Freeman, of Forsyth, a surprise. Danny Duster, 99 pounds, Brunswick, made Trainer and Coach Chuck Gonzales feel a little better by taking a three round decision from Vernon Gaston, of Charleston. Melvin Wade, of Charleston, bested Max Hord, 156, of Jacksonville. and Wade is one of the best amateur middleweights in his territory.

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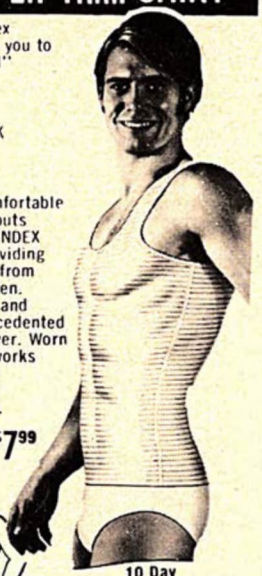

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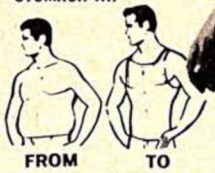

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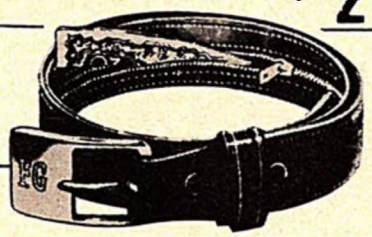

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It was aging and ringwise Charley Rose who said it so wisely—"if Ali lets some guy take the ring from him—crowd him and make the fight. . he'll come out a loser." This is just what happened against Ken Norton. . . .Fernand Marcotte is in demand in New York, Quebec City, London and Miami Beach. . .The Donato Paduanos are parents for the first time. . .The father of Lou Viscusi recently died at Tampa, Fla. . .Florentino Fernandez, who boxed for the middleweight title a while back, is working at Hialeah racetrack as a busboy. . .Two of the better managers around Los Angeles who keep their boxers busy are Howie Steindler and Willie Ketchum who know the score. . .One referee who does not referee for money is Harry Kessler—the millionaire—who gives his fees to childrens' charities. . .Mike Triolo, the boxing boss for the Chicago CYO, is better from his recent heart attack and is back working. . .Vinnie Curto, a transplanted Bostonian has the railbirds raving at Miami Beach where he is being handled by the newly formed Mendoza Group—Curto is a composite of Marciano, LaMotta and Graziano, as an action fighter. . .Congratulations to Luisita Pacheco, wife of Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, who works in the corner of Muhammad Ali, Jimmy Ellis and other top notchers at Miami Beach—on their first child. . .The Denver Boxing Club has the exclusive rights on U.S. Navy heavyweight Duane Bobick—who needs a good trainer, at the start of his professional career—not when it is too late. . .Ron Lyle on the recovery from the Quarry defeat. . .Ron Stander, who was being trained by Johnny Dunn in Boston, flopped completely making his first start since his kayo loss to Joe Frazier, when he journeyed to Portland, Maine and was beaten by an unknown. . .Argentine heavyweight Oscar Bonavena picked up by police for questioning on a charge of aggravated assault by a tourist who suffered a double fracture of the jaw and other head injuries in a brawl in a bar. . .Leo Fried, noted San Francisco attorney who dabbles in boxing, figures he has a future top-notcher in Larry Frazier, who has been a consistent winner in California rings. . .Pedro Lovell, Argentine heavyweight, is back in California, after going to his homeland for surgery on his hands. Now welter champ, Jose Napoles would like a "shot" at Carlos Monzon's title, and Monzon would like to try Bob Foster on for size—everyone's looking over the fence. . .Ronnie Delaney, former welterweight contender of the fifties from Akron, is regarded as one of the top referees. . .Delaney's services are in demand to work important fights in Ohio, Indiana and Kentucky. . .Mando Muniz stopped a million punches in Denver against veteran Eddie Perkins and should consider finding another vocation. . .Frank Sikora is 78 years old and still active as a referee in Chicago. . .Alvin "Blue" Lewis has hung up the gloves (so he says)—Alvin a man of immeasurable pride despite a lack of formal education—a man of touching eloquence. . .After losing to Jack O'Halloran, Alvin announced his retirement. . .Eli Hanover and his matchmaker Eddie Hrica keeping busy giving fans plenty of action with their shows in and around Baltimore. . .

Bruce Trampler being besieged with offers for his middleweight Billy "Dynamite" Douglas, who is a hot piece of fistic merchandise in the middleweight division. . . Terry Daniels has deserted the fight beat. . .Good to hear that Aileen Eaton is now completely recovered from her bout with pneumonia. Aileen is the gal who got heavyweight Jerry Quarry on the road to riches a few years back. . .Joe Louis has turned 59—Tommy Farr is 63—Tony Galento is 64—Lou Nova is 58 and still reciting poetry—!! It is tough to see Harry Markson retire from his post at Madison Square Garden. A great promoter with genuine class. . .Gussie MacLelland and Alva Brown veteran boxing people, will run shows this summer at Halifax, Nova Scotia. . .Bill Field, Los Angeles fight manager, has had surgery and rarin' to go again. . .Bill Daly, would like to see his heavyweight Jose "King" Roman, who is trained by Lou Gross, get a real good money shot. . .Mel Epstein, who pilots middleweight Irish Mike Nixon—was based at one time in Massachusetts—before moving to the West Coast. . .Suey Welch is another Coast mentor who knows the score, and has been around this game more years than I can remember. . .Carol Servo, wife of the late welterweight champ Marty, is residing in Pueblo, Colorado—and most of the family is married, rearing their own brood. . .Charles "Babe" Wood, who worked with Paul Pender when he was champ, has re-opened his "Old Mill Lounge" on the water-front in Plymouth, Mass., a must for the collector of boxing lore—"Babe" has it all here—right on the back-bar—!! Al Clemente, veteran Boston trainer and manager, has just passed 75.

SHIBATA'S UPSET VICTORY SHEDS LIGHT AMIDST JAPAN'S BOXING WOES

By JOE Y. KOIZUMI

TOKYO, JAPAN — Kuniaki Shibata's upset victory over Ben Villaflor in Hawaii caused a great sensation here. The hard-fought 15 rounder was televised via satellite to Japan three hours later. Shibata, ex-feather leader, overgrew the class to capture the junior lightweight title from lefty Ben.

The proceedings were close enough to make it difficult to judge which won the contest. But Shibata showed better counterpunching.

Nippon had been mourning the death of Masao Ohba. Shibata's winning his second title will presage well for the future of Japan's fistic front.

▲Yoshio Apollo, hope of Nippon, lost a close but unanimous decision to Ricardo Arredondo in 15 hot rounds in Fukuoka. The card drew 3700 customers at Kyuden Gymnasium. Apollo was in command, winning three of the first five rounds.

Arredondo, Mexican holder of the WBC's version in the 130 pound class, started the fireworks so slowly as to be battered by Yoshio's fast hands.

As the taller Ricardo solved a mobility of footworker Apollo, he concentrated on using vaunted stinging lefts effectively. Until the end of the 10th session they appeared to have fought evenly.

In the last five sessions they lacked speed and precision. The Mexican won the 13th. Arredondo's best was seen in the final round, when he overwhelmed the Japanese to have him at bay. Apollo, nailed against the ropes and absorbing much punishment, managed to last the three minutes.

Referee Jimmy Land, U.S. official, saw the Mexican as winner, 70-68. Judges Pedro Mendoza from Mexico and Japanese Toru Kimura had the affair 74-71 and 71-69 respectively, both in Ricardo's favor. They made 129¼ pounds.

▲The pro debut of promising former Olympian Royal Kobayashi was disappointing. He barely outscored a veteran named Baron Kumazawa, 122¾, in 8 rounds at Korakuen Hall. Kobayashi, 125½, never displayed the expected sharpness and power to be annoyed by Baron's durability.

▲Morito Kashiwaba, underdog at 130½, scored his sixth straight kayo, over Susumu Okabe, 131, in 9 rounds. Some 1500 fans were in attendance at Korakuen Hall. Before the climax, Okabe was far ahead on points, winning the third, and from the sixth to the eighth rounds. In spite of Okabe's body attack Kashiwaba did not lose his usual zip and power. In their first meeting in Shinjin-O tournament Okabe had been a unanimous points winner.

In the semi eight Shunzo Terukano, 117¾, decisioned Shigenobu Fukazawa, 117¾.

▲A triple national title competition drew 6000 customers at Nihon University Auditorium.

Shintaro Uchiyama recaptured the bantam title from Genzo Kurosawa by taking a unanimous duke in ten. Uchiyama, shorter than the defending champ by inches, bored in resistlessly to mix it up effectively. Kurosawa, whose KO win had been criticized as a fluke, tried to score again. But Shin's mobility and footwork were such that Kurosawa missed too often to give any damage to the willing mixer.

Only the second showing resulted in a champion's successful defense. Shoji Tsujimoto, lefty, 146, failed to display his crafty counterpunching due to Bull Kato's roundhouse attack. Sho took only two rounds. His efforts were not to dominate more rounds but to keep that leadoff without losing any rounds. In the last three rounds the crowd repeatedly booed, as the fighters scarcely exchanged blows only to grab each other roughly.

Steven Smith, U.S. army worker, became Japan's middleweight champion via a 7th round kayo over Cassius Naito. Smith weighed half a pound lighter than the loser's 159¾. Smith, living in Nippon for years, proved too powerful for Naito, who collapsed three times; once in the fourth and twice in the fatal canto. The victor threw a well-timed right to the lefty's jaw to drop Naito for the mandatory eight count. Since thereafter it was quite lopsided.

▲At Korakuen Hall, Kunio Takeuchi, 117¾, was held to a draw by Yoshihiro Shikaxuchi, 117¼, in 10 heats. Ken Araki, 118 pounds, lost to newcomer Go Mifune, 117½, in another tenner.

▲The 19th annual All Japan Shinjin-o tournament at Korakuen Hall witnessed young fighters pass the Gate of Rookies. The winners after about half a year competitions were as follows: flyweight Tetsuya Tanaka; bantamweight, Hisaya Mizuno; junior featherweight, Shoji Sakugawa; featherweight, Mitsuo Ohhashi; junior lightweight, Masao Kinjo; lightweight, Shizuo Sugawara; junior welterweight, Harber Watanabe; welterweight, Hideo Kurosu, and middleweight, Kenji Shibata. They are promised meetings with the 9th contenders of the JBC ratings in all the classes.

▲Ex-Shinjin-o Shinichi Eto, 124, amazed 1200 at Korakuen when he defeated Sarutobi Koyama, national titlist, at 123¼, in 10 rounds. Koyama, who had been unbeaten against fellow countrymen could not catch the younger scrapper.

▲Ex-Orient bantamweight leader Kazuyoshi Kanazawa was seriously injured after being hit by a car, the driver of which was drunk. Kanazawa was kayoed by Romeo Anaya in his final showing in Mexico and announced a retirement last year. He entered a field of Thai styled 'kick boxing' and continued a winning streak.

Though the number of fight cards still is unsatisfactory, impressarios' efforts to present good attractions appear to be successful. But a headache has still annoyed the brains of VIPs of fight games in Japan. The JBA (Japan Boxing Association) which consists of all managers and matchmakers is split into two groups. TV companies still won't broadcast weekly programs. Shibata's regaining the title may be a light in the darkness which covers the fistic front of this country.

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CANTO DESTROYS GOMEZ FOR MEXICAN FLY TITLE

By EDUARDO AMER G.

Merida, Yucatan — Miguel Canto, 110, destroyed Tarcisio "Famosito" Gomez, 111, and retained the Mexican flyweight title in two rounds. Another good prospect, Vicente Pool, 114, technically stopped Margarito "Mosco" Lozano, 113, in seven rounds. Babe San Martin, 114, tko'd Arturo Leon, 115, in three. Romulo Cortes, 116, won over Joe del Angel, 118, in 8.

▲**Matamoros** — Octavio "Famoso" Gomez, 122, decisioned Saul Montana, 120, in ten.

▲**Zitacuaro, Michoacan** — Manuel Mendoza, 117, halted Blas Arellano, 116, in 3.

▲**Ciudad Constitucion, Baja California** — Lucas Martinez, 111, beat Antonio "Monito" Rosales, 112, in ten.

▲**Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua** — Ignacio Sanchez, 145, bombed Jesus Acosta, 144, in two. Jose Luis Navarrete, 125, whipped "Mantequilla" Martinez, 125, in 10.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Goyo Vargas, 126, tko'd Filiberto "Chamaco" Cota, 122, in six. Roberto Valenzuela, 111, and Luis Torres, 111, drew in 8. Jose Curiel, 111, tko'd Gonzalo Mendez, 111, in 6. Moises Sore, 145, defeated Jose Luis Palma, 146, in 6. Jose Luis Padilla, 117, tko'd Gerardo Mota, 116, in one.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Lalo Cuadros, 121, beat Jorge Altamirano, 121, in ten.

▲**Guadalajara** — Jesus "Papelero" Estrada, 125, tko'd Raul Martinez Mora, 125, in 8. Raymundo Martinez, 124, tko'd Jose Angel Saucedo, 125, in tenth round.

▲**Monterrey** — Aljandro "Jaibo" Osorio, 124, ko'd Juan Rodriguez, 124, in 3. Enrique Muniz, 113, kayoed Jesus Briones, 112, in five.

▲**Progreso, Yucatan** — Chucho Loria, 111, and Freddie Castillo, 111, drew in six.

▲**Ciudad Valles, San Luis Potosi** — Jose Luis Luna, 115, whipped Arturo Barbosa, 115, in ten.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Raul Noria, 112, gained "Titino" Martinez, 112, in ten.

▲**Aguascalientes** — Jose Luis "Frijol" Madrid, 126, tko'd Sigfrido Rodriguez, 129, in 5. Aurelio Muniz, 127, knocked out Gerardo Fernandez, 127, in 3. Victor Rocha, 117, ko'd Memo Ramirez, 117, in 6. "Chamaco" Limon, 111, beat Julio "Ringo" Romero, 112, in ten.

▲**Buctzotz, Yucatan** — Evelio "Zurdo" Munoz, 112, defeated Jose Luis "Chamaco" Cetina, 112, in six.

▲**Mexicali** — Manuel Fierro, 158, stopped Adolfo "Mosco" Hernandez, 160, in four.

▲**Agua Prieta, Sonora** — Gerardo Ferrat, 148, embalmed Chucho Padilla, 147, in 3.

▲**Culiacan, Sinaloa** — Raul Noria, 112, decisioned Pedro Martinez, 112, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Jose Torres, 125, tko'd Juan Fabila, 126, in 2. Armando Estebes, 125, ko'd Jesus Hernandez, 124, in 2. Santiago Valdez, 143, tko'd Angel Espinosa, 142, in two.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — "Chocolate" Ramos, 144, nailed Antonio "La Rubia" Gomez, 142, in two. Mario Ramos, 120, bested Arturo Vazquez, 122, in ten.

▲**Monterrey** — Alfredo "Mongol" Ortiz, 185, tko'd Sabino Villaneuva, 187, in seven.

▲**Guadalajara** — Juan Jose Guzman, 112, won from Venancio Carvente, 112, in ten.

▲**Acapulco** — Raul "Zurdo" Molina, 134, bested Francisco Tapia, 135, in ten.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Alberto "Costeno" Morales, 113, and Ricardo Delgado, 113, drew in 10. Evaristo Perez, 112, tko'd Rudy Billones, 112, in six. Leoncio Ortiz, 134, tko'd Juan Collado, 134, in four.

▲**Mexicali** — Fermin "Gallego" Gomez, 112, gained Antonio "Zurdo" Fuentes, 114, in ten. Fili Castro, 121, defeated Francisco Izunza, 122, in ten. Celso Olivas, 145, whipped Manuel Leal, 144, in 10.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Isaac Quintas, 146, disposed of "Sonrisas" Ruvalcaba, 145, in five.

▲**Salina Cruz, Oaxaca** — Veteran Efren Jimenez, 133, lost to Juan Martinez, 132, in 10.

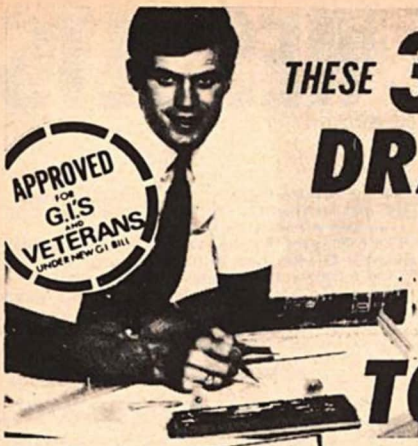
▲**Tapachula, Chiapas** — Gaby Morgan, 115, ko'd Jose Luis Medrano, 115, in 5.

▲**Mexico, D.F.** — Eliseo Cosme, 118, won over Victor Ramirez, 117, in ten. Lino Serrano, 117, tko'd Hilario Becerril, 117, in 5. Lupe Hernandez, 134, outpointed Gustavo Altuzar, 134, in 6.

▲**Salina Cruz, Oaxaca** — Jose Figueroa, 137, polished off Antonio Cruz, 137, in 4.

▲**Monterrey** — Rafael "Tanquecito" Gonzalez, 117, outscored Jesus "Chuy" Rocha, 117, in ten. Victor Rocha, 116, beat Julio Cesar Segura, 117, in 10. Marco Antonio Rocha, 126, decisioned Alejandro "Jaibo" Osorio, 124, in ten.

▲**San Andres Tuxtla, Veracruz** — Chucho Aparicio, 113, and Manuel "Rata" Martinez, 114, drew in 10.



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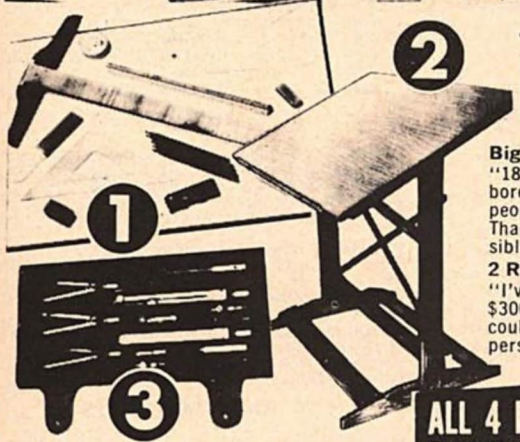

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THOMPSON RELIEVES TETTEH ●OF BRITISH JUNIOR WELTER● TITLE, AND STARTS UPROAR

By RAY MITCHELL

SYDNEY, Australia — Australian junior-welterweight champion Hector Thompson (138½) won the British Commonwealth junior-welter title by outpointing defending champion Joe Tetteh (139) of Ghana over 15 rounds at Brisbane. Uproar followed the decision. Tetteh's manager Bobby Neill abused referee Terry Reilly, and later sent a letter of protest about the decision to the British Commonwealth Boxing Championships Committee.

Complaining about decisions seems to be par for the course for Neill. However, this one was very close.

▲Henry Nissen, Commonwealth flyweight champion, relinquished his Australian title last month, and the two leading contenders met for the vacant crown at Blacktown. "Big" Jim West (112) emerged as the new Australian champion with a third-round KO over Robert Eggleton (111½). West is a good fighter, a veritable buzzsaw in the Henry Armstrong mould. No boxer has decked him.

▲Henry Nissen (113¼) gave the performance of his career in soundly outpointing Korean Hak Yung Kim (113¼) over ten rounds at Melbourne. It was one of the most action-packed fights seen in Australia in the past 12 months, with never a clinch, even though most of the battle was fought at close range.

Nissen was too persistent for Kim who showed amazing recuperative powers, coming back several times from the brink of defeat to throw the fight back at Nissen.

Kim took the first round but from then on it was Nissen who won each round. Henry won by an enormous points margin but he had to fight hard all the way, never allowing the Korean to take charge.

▲At Melbourne, Alan Aldenhoven (144½) halted Michael Karpaney (146¼) in the last round of a 12-round battle that did not ease up in its intensity.

The bout was billed for the Australian welterweight championship, but the only title really involved was that of Melbourne Festival Hall!

Paul Moore defeated Dave Clarke 12 days earlier (under a different promoter) for the same title. It could become more involved if Jeff White fights, as planned, next month. Jeff was to have defended his title against Moore but a doctor's report cancelled the fight and Moore was matched with Clarke for White's title.

▲At Blacktown, two tens topped the bill. In one, comebacking Paul Bink (133½) outpointed Allan Tunney (129¼) by a good margin. In the other, "Big" Jim West (110) outpointed Mexican Lorenzo Ramirez (115¼). This was two weeks before West won the vacant Australian flyweight title. Big Jim and Ramirez knocked chips off each other with West ahead all the way. West has never been in a poor fight.

On the West-Eggleton title bill, Ramirez, scaling 120½, gained a narrow points decision over Aussie Steve Gossen (120½) in an eight.

▲One week after the West-Ramirez bout, at Redfern, Lorenzo Ramirez (121) outpointed Aussie Willie Leslie (121¼) over eight rounds.

▲The following week, at the same club, Mick Banks (131) outpointed Ceddy McGrady (133) over eight.

▲At Kingsford, Al Mander (134) outpointed Lou Cruz (138) in one of the best fights seen in Australia for the past 12 months. The decision was unanimous and clear.

▲One week later former Australian light heavyweight champion Greg McNamara (166) gained a split points decision over Tongan Sam Ngata (176) at the Juniors, Kingsford. This was not a speectacular fight but McNamara had accepted the bout on two days notice when Ngata's original opponent withdrew.

▲At the same club, Al Mander (132) outpointed Reg Hudson (131) in another great scrap that drew a shower of coins from ringsiders. Seven nights later, at the same club, Dennis Goulder (135) and Lou Cruz (138) eclipsed even the Mander-Cruz and Mander-Hudson battles. It was a war all the way. Goulder gained a split verdict. As referee I carded a draw.

▲Fred Burns (118), one of Australia's top bantams, won a points verdict over Willie Leslie (119¼) over eight at Redfern. On the following night, at Blacktown, Sonny Bell (129) placed himself in title challenger position by soundly outpointing Australian junior-lightweight champion, southpaw Billy Moeller (125¾) in a non-title ten. On the same bill Joe Sorby (161) produced a sudden KO over Sione Sani (162) in the last round of a ten.

▲At Cammeray, Bricky Squire (132) proved too strong for southpaw Rod Connors (133) and won clearly on points over ten. In an eight-round support Tim Frankic (142¾) outpointed Dave Edwards (142) in one of the most action-packed battles seen for ages.

▲At Blacktown Merv Wockner (126), one of this country's leading featherweights, was too solid for game Scot Jim Crilly (126), ending the bout in the 9th round. Wockner gave Crilly a drubbing over the last few rounds.

Italian Gianni Mingardi (159) outpointed Semi Bula (153) in a tame affair.

▲Trinidadian Carlos Marks (156¼) was far too good for local Wayne Bannister (149¼) in their ten at Melbourne. Marks was brought here to meet our Australian and Commonwealth junior-middle king Charkey Ramon but Ramon had flu, so Bannister substituted. Bannister was not in it. Marks dictated the action all the way to run out a very easy points winner. Carlos will find Ramon a far different proposition, however.

▲At Guildford, Kim Miller (169) outpointed Rod Christensen (171) over eight rounds.

At Boulder, Western Australia, Phillip Barrett (160) halted Graham Wynne (158) in the eighth round of a scheduled ten. A cut eye brought the stoppage but Barrett was in charge in any case.

▲At New Lambton, David Gallagher (144) outpointed Les Knox (142) over 10. At Redfern, Brian Clout (117½) reversed a previous decision by outpointing Brian Roberts (115) over eight.

At Brookvale, Shane Patrick (145) outpointed Pierin Mingon (145) in a hard-punching eight on March 28.

▲Wagga Wagga Leagues Club, in southwest New South Wales, came back into the boxing business after a layoff of several months, with an eight-rounder on top of the bill. Matt Ropis (137) knocked out Hughie Williams (138) in the seventh round after a hard and close battle.

WORLD-WIDE FIGHT RESULTS

For the Month Ending May 15, 1973

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ron Lyle beat Bob Stallings, 10.
Jimmy Ellis kayoed Joe Harris, 2.
Gregorio Peralta stopped Bo Sounkalo, 10.
Henry Clark beat Steve Carter, 10.
Billy Williams outpointed Brian O'Melia, 10.
Joe Alexandria decisioned Leroy Caldwell, 10.
Pat Duncan kayoed Eduardo Coffey, 5, beat Al Evans, 10.
Mac Foster halted Sam McGill, 9.
Pedro Agosta stopped Henry Lawson, 4, beat Charlie Polite, 10.
Ron Wilson drew with Terry Lee, 10.
Vicente Rondon outpointed Oliver Wright, 10.
Rodney Bobick halted Lou Bailey, 7.
Duane Bobick kayoed Tommy Burns, 1.
Dave Rodgers stopped Ken Austin, 4.
Bobo Renfrow kayoed James Winfield and Pete Gardino, 1.
Jack Mercandente drew with Don Vicente, 4.
Rochell Norris stopped Henry Lawson, 3.
Bill Hardney kayoed Larry Sykes, 1.
John Gerowski drew with Eugene Bethea, 6.

LIGHT HEAVYWEIGHTS

Chris Finnegan stopped Kelly Burden, 4.
Bob Cassidy drew with Jimmy Dupree, 10.
Mike Quarry beat Walter White, 10; drew with Hal Carroll, 10.
Lonnie Bennett halted Frankie Evans, 6.
Billy Wagner kayoed Vernon McIntosh, 8.
Richie Kates stopped Ron Oliver, 2, beat Paul Cardoza, 10.
Vinnie Curto beat Guillermo Escalera, 8.
Gary Summerhays kayoed Al Quinney, 10.
Pat O'Connor stopped Charlie Austin, 7.
Al Bolden beat Yaqui Lopez, 10.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Bennie Briscoe kayoed Art Hernandez, 3, North American middleweight title.
Bunny Sterling beat Mark Rowe, 15, British Middleweight Title.
Juan Carlos Duran outpointed Hans Orsolics, 15, E.B.U. Junior Middleweight Title.
Rodrigo Valdez stopped Kim Booker, 5.
Mike Nixon beat Jose Martin Flores, 10.
Bobby Watts outpointed Gary Broughton, 10.
Vito Antufermo outpointed Luis Rivera, 8.
Tony Licata beat Alvin Phillips, 10.
Dave Downey lost to Tony Berrios, 10.
Mario Rosa outpointed Len Harden, 12.
Johnny L. Sullivan stopped Vicente Medina, 9.
Dave Love halted Billy Walker, 9.
William Classon beat James Redford, 6, halted Angel Merced, 3.
Mike Morgan drew with Billy Goodwin, 6.
Charlie Hayward stopped Percy Halsey, 3.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Hedgemon Lewis kayoed Ruben Vasquez, 6.
Roger Menetrey beat Art Kettles, 10.
Clyde Gray halted Jimmy Hamm, 10.
Pongi Lie stopped Robert Gallois, 5.
Jack Tillman outpointed Jose Rosa, 10.
Roland Pryor lost to Ron Harris, 8.
Eddie Perkins kayoed Aristeo Castro, 2.
John Stracey beat Jose Peterson, 8.
Miguel Barreto drew with Vernon Mason, 10.
Ike Hooks halted Radames Checo, 7.
William Watson beat Winston Noels, 8.
Lou Bizzarro outpointed Tony Berrios, 10.
Gil King halted Jimmy Hamm, 10.
George Mankins beat Les Vegas, 10.
Johnny Rico halted Les Vegas, 4.
Nikita Tarhocker kayoed Norman Farrell, 1.
Billy Goodman defeated Bobby Crawford, 6.

JUNIOR WELTERWEIGHTS

Antonio Cervantes halted Nicolino Loche, 10, retained World Junior Welterweight Title.
Carlos Gimenez kayoed Armando Mendoza, 7.
Hector Thompson beat Joe Tetteh, 15, British Empire junior welterweight title.
Piero Ceru decisioned Kristan Hydalh, 8.
Johnny Gant lost to Esteban DeJesus, 10.
Chu Chu Malave stopped Percy Hayles, 6.
Jose Peterson beat Nestor Rojas, 10.
Tony Garcia drew with J. T. Dowe, 10.
Felix Morales kayoed Eddie Beauford, 1.
Johnny Howard beat Beau Jaynes, 10.
Ray Seales outpointed Jose Miranda, 8.
Greg Potter defeated Rudy Barro, 10.
Luis Acosta stopped Jose Muniz, 6.
Johnny Rohland beat Billy Bell, 4.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Esteban DeJesus beat Johnny Gant, 10.
Roberto Duran decisioned Javier Ayala, 10, non-title.
Rodolfo Gonzalez halted Ruben Navarro, 9, W.B.C. lightweight title.
Ken Buchanan outpointed Hector Matta, 10.
Antonio Puddu kayoed Dominique Azzaro, 1, E.B.U. lightweight title.
Jimmy Heair beat Chango Carmona, 10.
Percy Hayles kayoed by Chu Chu Malave, 6.
Hugo Gutierrez stopped Raul Venerdini, 13, South American lightweight title.
Ould Makloufi drew with Jose Fernandez, 8.
Carlos Gil kayoed Willy Carrasco, 5.
Chu Chu Alonso stopped Mar Yuzon. 2.
Jimmy Robertson drew with Miguel Mayan, 10.
Joe Grier beat Victor Baerga, 8.
Willie Daniels decisioned Richie Villanueva, 8.
Jose Batista beat Duarte Mauricio, 4.

JUNIOR LIGHTWEIGHTS

Victor Echegaray kayoed Kid Toledo, 9.
Sammy Goss beat Jorge Ramos, 10.
Jose Fernandez drew with Ould Makloufi, 8.
Lothar Abend beat Carlos Capello, 8.
Miguel Riasco outpointed Jose Marin, 10.
Harugi Uehara beat Hector Rodriguez, 10.
Ray Hall drew with Jose Resto, 6.
Hector Diaz beat Frank Bryant, 4.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Lionel Hernandez defeated Ernesto Marcel, 10.
Bert Nabalatan beat Jose Luis Madrid, 10.
Danny Lopez kayoed Kenji Endo, 2.
Oscar Mendez decisioned Miguel Aguila, 10.
Bobby Chacon outpointed Frankie Crawford, 10.
Art Hafey beat Jose Valdez, 10.
Nelson Tamariz decisioned Heriberto Olivera, 10.
Francisco Villegas beat Luciano Santos, 10.
Tyrone Everett halted Danny Figueroa, 7.
Chang Kyu-Chul stopped Kazutoshi Takahashi, 10, Orient featherweight title.
Ronnie McGarvey halted Carlos Zayas, 5.
Adriano Marrero outpointed Tony Tric, 8.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Rafael Herrera kayoed Rodolfo Martinez, 12, to win W.B.C. Bantamweight Title.
Johnny Clark beat Franco Zurlo, 15, E.B.U. Bantamweight Title.
Jose Casas stopped Mario Robollo, 2.
Benicio Sosa halted Antonio Barbosa, 3.
Pedro Diaz beat Benitin Estrella, 12, Dominican Bantamweight Title.

FLYWEIGHTS

Miguel Canto halted Famosito Gomez, 2.
Ricardo Delgado drew with Alberto Morales, 10.

LEYVA BEATS CASTRO ON ●POINTS IN PHOENIX SHOW●

By AL FENN

Phoenix, Ariz. — Turko Leyva, Mexico, outpointed Aristeo Castro, San Diego, in the 10-round feature at Riverside Ballroom. The card was a benefit for Charles Jacobs, who was injured in a boxing match here.

In a co-tenner, Cipriano Hernandez decisioned Benny Barra, both of Mexico. Beto Nunez, 125, Phoenix, showed he is to be a contender by defeating heavier Nick Alfaro, 130, Tucson.

Davey Oropeza, 149, Phoenix, re-opened old Madison Square Garden for promoter Joe Quinlon by winning a 10-round decision over Turko Leyva. The Garden had been closed two years. The other bouts ended rapidly.

Lynch Martin turned pro by stopping Dean Jackson by TKO in the first. They are heavyweights.

Mike Tolang, 147, stopped Johnny Montang, 145, Mexico in one, and Mike Avans, 160, Phoenix stopped Willie Patterson, Phoenix, in two. Johnny Rico, 149, Tucson stopped Colorado Felix, Mexico in 1:41 of the third.

One fight went the distance. Alvarado Vasquez, Mexico split decisioned Johnny Mesa, Tucson, in four.

Baby Cassius, 140, Los Angeles, swarmed over Mike Mayon, 140, San Diego, to win a 10-round decision at Riverside. Donny Nelson of Denver stopped Lloyd Price of Mesa in the second. Steve Paulson, 147, Mesa, stopped Chu Arevalo of San Diego in two, and Mike Avans, 160, Phoenix defeated Jake Vaughan in one.

ANTUOFERMO OVER RIVERA ● IN TEN AT SUNNYSIDE ●

By HENRY LIEB

Vito Antuofermo, 156, Brooklyn, won a hard fought battle over Puerto Rico's Luis Rivera, 160, in 10 rounds. This victory was Vito's third of the year. The other two were over Skip Yeaton and Ray Villanueva.

The undercard featured Felix Morales, 140, Puerto Rico vs. Eddie Beauford, Syracuse, N.Y. Morales inactive recently scored a one round kayo. This was Eddie's first loss since 1971.

Heavyweight Pedro Agosto won his third bout of the year with a four-round knockout of local Henry Lawson.

The first bout of the night saw Willie Classin, 161, New York, upset Panama's James Redford, 163, in six.

DeOLIVEIRA STOPS AMERICAN ● PEOPLES IN 7 IN BRAZIL ●

By GLICERIO MATTEI

Sao Paulo, Brazil — In the Independencia Stadium, Miguel de Oliveira, Brazilian champion junior middleweight, kayoed Nick Peoples (U.S.A.), in seven rounds.

WINSTON-SALEM OFFICIALS CHANGE DECESION TO DRAW

By JACK LEVINSON

Norfolk, Va. — Underdog John (Speedy) Jordan of Norfolk, opened a cut over Ron Stander's eye in the 1st round of their ten at Portland, Maine. Jordan fought an aggressive battle. Jordan tipped the scales at 198, Stander at 233. Two judges voted 98-93 in Jordan's favor, the remaining judge 99-94 in Jordan's favor.

In the co-feature ten Portland's Mack Foloy, 185, scored a TKO over Grand-pop Oscar Freeman, 170, of Norfolk. Freeman was unable to answer the bell for the seventh. Freeman dominated much of the bout and was the crowd's favorite, but you just can't win with "old age."

▲Winston-Salem N.C. is the home of the Memorial Coliseum, where John (Speedy) Jordan, 195, of Norfolk, at first was declared the winner over Charlie Boston. A few moments later the Winston-Salem Boxing Commission decided the first verdict was incorrect, and changed it to a draw.

57 year old Oscar Freeman, 159, Norfolk, scored a K.O. in the second round over Choo Choo Sims, 162, of Selby, N.C.

Heavyweight Al "Hoss" Byrd received too much pressure from recent amateur champion "Bubba" Winfield of Norfolk, in a four.

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Mexican Fighters Split $50,000 As Herrera Beats Martinez In 12

MONTERREY; Mexico — This old town saw one of those WBC title things, with Mexican Rafael Herrera stopping Rodolfo Martinez, another Mexican, in the 12th round.

This made Herrera the WBC's idea of a world champion in the bantamweight class. The recognized titleholder is Romero Anaya, another Mexican.

Herrera won the WBC version after having been knocked down in the eighth round.

Martinez was decked twice in the fourth and twice again in the 11th.

In the 12th, Martinez was taking a dangerous beating when referee Octavio Meyeran called a halt.

It was a record money fight for Monterrey as each fighter got $25,000.

Herrera now is 41-6-2. Martinez, twice loser to Herrera, has not been beaten by anybody else in 39 fights.

With financial conditions in Mexico what they are, a promotion giving $50,000 to two fighters is surprising.

REVIVAL IN TUCSON SEES PERKINS STOP CASTRO IN 2

By GIB CLARK

Tucson, Ariz. — Another effort to revive boxing here, has been launched by Q-M Promotions, a joint venture by Al Malis and Joe Quinlan, with a good card presented in the Community and Convention Arena.

The main event pitted welterweight Eddie Perkins, from Chicago, rated in the Top Ten, against a tough sub for Rueben Arocha from Buenos Aires, Aristeo Castro. Perkins stopped Castro by KO in two minutes of round two.

Perkins has established himself as a solid favorite with Tucson fans, following his two showings in The Old Pueblo. Last year he TKO'd Paco Flores.

Perkins is aiming at a title tiff with Jose Napoles and is so pleased with his Tucson reception that he has declared if it comes about, the fight will be held here.

"We figure it this way," said Frank Tomaso, Perkins' manager. "We fought here last year before the largest crowd, 5,200 people, ever for boxing in Arizona. The people like Eddie.

"I'll always give Tucson the first crack at it. If the town and the promoter want us back, we'll be here."

In the co-main 10, Johnny Rico, Tucson, knocked out Las Vegas in the fourth round. Rico challenged Paco Flores after the victory, and Paco, in the audience, accepted speaking through his manager and brother, Tony.

"If they put up the money we'll fight him!" This long-awaited battle should fill the 9,000-seat arena.

In a prelim, Mike Evans won over Robert Hall by KO in the second round.

CAMERON STOPS MARTINEZ ● IN THIRD AT BELIZE ●

By HENRY YOUNG

Belize, British Honduras — A boxing card at Bird's Isle saw Lionel Cameron, 153, of Jamaica, TKO Rudolpho Martinez, 151½, of Mexico City in third round of a scheduled 10.

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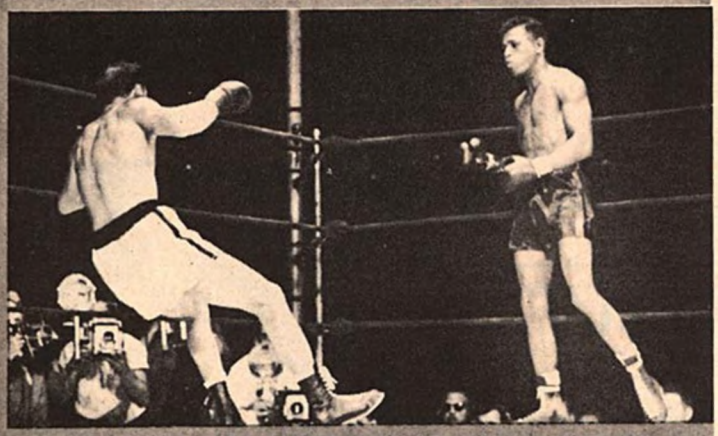

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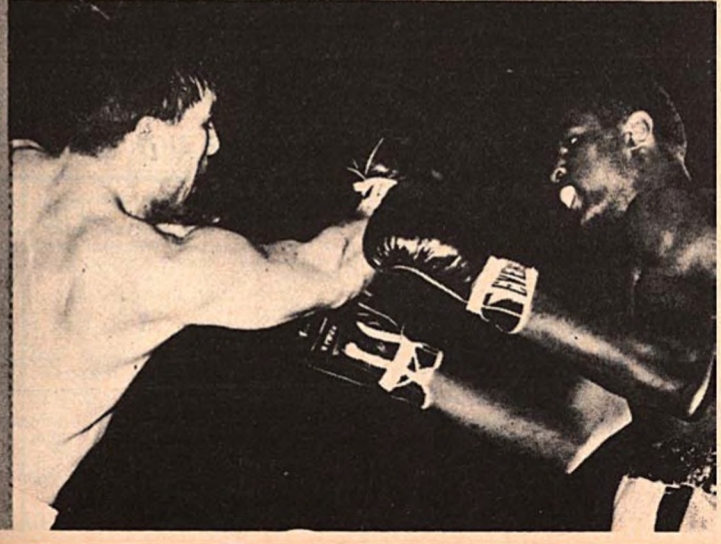

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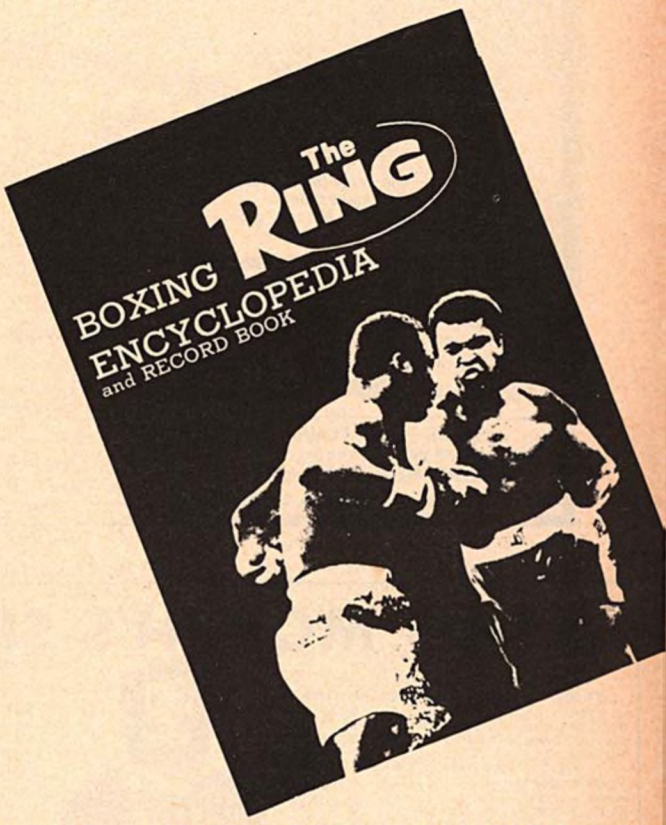

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ALONG THE VBA TRAIL

By SCOOP GALLELLO

VBA PRESIDENT

Nick Barone. . .former heavyweight from Syracuse, N.Y. who once boxed Ezzard Charles for the title is living in Syracuse and drives a truck for a living. Nick beat fellows like Jimmy Beau, Gino Buonvino, and Dick Wagner. He also went 10 tough rounds with Charles, being stopped in the 11th stanza. Barone will be at the 8th annual banquet of Ring 330 June 23, at the 7 Pines Restaurant, Boston Post Rd., Mamaroneck, N.Y. honoring Ezzard Charles.

Harry Barone. . .president of IVBA Ring 14 of Hudson County, N.J. recently passed away at age 64. Harry was highly respected by the veteran boxers.

Birthday congrats to. . .Irv Silverman, Secretary of the VBA who is vacationing in Florida with his wife Flo, Kenny "Broadway" Sheahan, Sergeant-at-arms of Ring #30 and IVBA photographer Vince Handley.

Ring #32. . .Detroit, is holding their annual dinner at the Cadillac on June 9.

Johnny Lebow. . .nice guy from #32, Detroit, who has recuperated from a heart seizure, is enjoying a vacation in Las Vegas.

The new officers of #56. . .Syracuse, N.Y. are—Pres. Billy Harris: V.P. Nick Barone: Sec'y Carl Sorenson: Sgt. at arms Hal T.N.T. Carroll and Paulie Sykes.

Willie Pep, Maxie Atwater and Billy Kearns. . .all members of #11, Hartford, Conn. have applied in that state for referees' licenses.

Fritzie Pruden. . .former welter, doing fine after surgery.

John Pepe. . .sports writer for the Herald of Sharon Pa. for the past 30 years is being honored at a dinner on April 26th. at St. Michael's Center in Sharon.

Adrian Bailey. . .founder of the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, announces Sunday, Sept. 23 as the date of the next inductions. Banquet takes place at Diamond Jim's, Route #34, Matawan, N.J.. For tickets write to Bailey at 1206 Doris Ave., Wanamassa, N.J.

N.V.B.A. Ring #4. . .Boston, had an election of officers and came up with this slate: President-Eddie Milson: First V.P.-Allen McDonald: 2nd. V.P.-Johnny Munn: Sgt. at arms-Jimmy Rogers, Tansey Norton, Bat Sandrelli and Frank DeKnight.

Harry K. Wall. . .roving ambassador for the IVBA is still in Hawaii with his group of Ring #50, and states that Ring #50 prexy Ishio Toyama is doing a great job.

Abe Hochheiser. . .correspondent for The Ring Magazine is doing well reporting from sunny California.

Madison Sq. Garden. . .take note! How about a top spot for Hal T.N.T. Carroll, lightheavy from Syracuse who is willing to meet the best. Still waiting, Duke Stefano!

Teddy Hayes. . .who at one time worked as trainer for Jack Dempsey is living in Arizona, recently celebrated his 85th birthday.

Mickey Greb. . .former ringster from #25, of Newark, N.J. is in Clara Mass Hospital, Belleville, N.J. after surgery.

Vincent Cala. . .prexy of #101, Baltimore, is busy working on a dinner for former bantam and featherweight kings Harry Jeffra. Commemorating the winning of the featherweight championship on May 20, 1940. The dinner date is May 20. . .33 years to the day. At Polish Home Hall-510 South Broadway, Baltimore.

Charles Gellman. . .former boxer, director of New York's Jewish Memorial Hospital, has been chosen as recipient of the Luke Bauer Humanitarian Award at the 8th annual banquet for #30 at the 7 Pines, Mamaroneck, N.Y.

CHICAGO NOT ELATED OVER FOSTER'S KO OF McGILL

By FRANK DORSET

Chicago, Ill. — This onetime great fight center, where Gene Tunney beat Jack Dempsey for the second time, did not see much when Mac Foster stopped Sam McGill in nine rounds.

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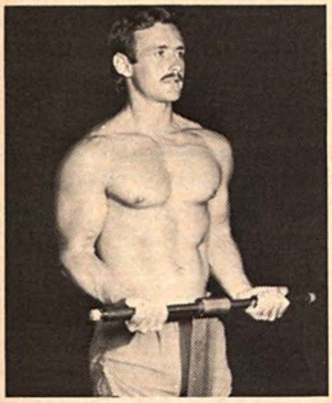

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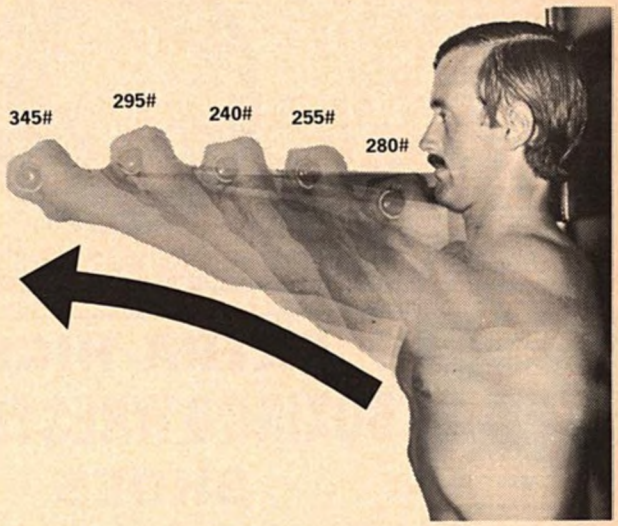

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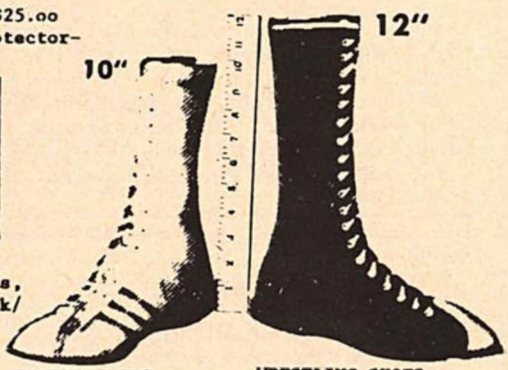

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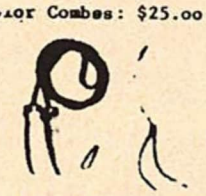
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O'CONNOR RETURNS, SCORES ●OVER OFT-BEATEN AUSTIN●

By GEORGE D. BLAIR

ST. PAUL, MINN. — Pat O'Connor, 166½, Rochester, Minn., returned to action at the Armory and scored a fifth round TKO over faded veteran Charley "Bad News" Austin, 171, San Diego. The referee intervened at 1:42 of the round.

The first four rounds were dull. It was mostly a duel of left jabs, with Pat having the edge due to his work to the body. In the fifth round Pat delivered the finisher, a right hand shot over Austin's shoulder to the head. Austin got up, but the referee felt he was in no condition to continue.

Only 928 fans paying a gate of $7,205 showed up, which seems to indicate that the O'Connor charisma has waned, or the fans have wised up to the steady diet of has-beens from the southwest that have been brought in here for Pat. Could be Jack Raleigh's high prices for an average show.

O'Connor's record is now 32-1, while Austin is 36-41-5.

Rodney Bobick, 237½, Bowlus, Minn. (12-1-0) stopped veteran Lou Bailey, 212, Omaha (17-37-5) in the seventh round of the semi-final.

Mike Morgan, 156½, Richfield, Minn. (8-1-2) and Billy Goodwin, 150, Milwaukee (3-10-2) fought to a six round draw.

▲In the Bobick undercard at Minneapolis, the fight of the night saw Mike Morgan, 162, Richfield, Minn. outpointed Jesse Green, 158, St. Paul over eight rounds in a close one. Morgan is now 9-1-2, while Green's record is a disastrous 4-31-5.

Fred Askew, 202, Minneapolis (4-12-1) knocked out Jim Cable, 218, Minneapolis (0-3-0) in round two.

Curt Yancey, 176, Minneapolis (4-9-0) knocked out Mickey Shannon, 174, Milwaukee (0-2-0) with an invisible punch in the second round.

Glenn Morgan, 158, Richfield, Minn. made his pro debut by knocking out someone billed as Bobo Wilson, 163, Peoria, by way of Minneapolis, in 14 seconds.

▲Johnny Salvator, former boxer and later promoter in St. Paul, died in St. Paul at the age of 81. Salvator was also a long time Minnesota Conservation officer. . .Dick Zasada, St. Paul businessman has been appointed to the Minnesota Athletic Commission replacing George McPartlin.

DON KING BUYS CHANCE'S INTEREST IN HEAVY SHAVERS

By JOHN McCAFFERTY

Cleveland, Ohio—Don King, local sportsman, is now a co-manager of Ernie Shavers, the Warren, Ohio, heavyweight. King bought out Dean Chance, who owned 49 percent of the contract of the fighter.

Joseph "Blackie" Gennaro, of Hillsville, Pa., holds 51 percent interest in Shavers. King also manages Ray Anderson, Akron light heavyweight.

Pat Zill promoted a show at Columbus and only 1400 attended the Sunday after noon production. Bill Douglas, 159, Columbus, stopped Ricky Ortiz, 157, New York, in the second.

J. D. McCauley, 214, Columbus, decisioned Frank Schram, 195, Columbus, in 6.

Shane Bosley, 147, Columbus, decisioned Tony Johnson, 151, Columbus, in 4.

Al Monday, 205, Columbus, decisioned Vic Wallace, 197, Columbus, in 4.

One of the most underrated boxers in the business is Roy Dale, Cincinnati middleweight, who has fought most of the top men in his division in their own backyards. Many of these fights would have been wins for Dale had they taken place in a neutral city. As is usually the case Dale has been a loser on close decisions in most of these fights.

Dale wants a fight with Bill Douglas for the Ohio State middleweight lead. This would be a great attraction at Columbus if Zill could get Douglas and Bruce Trampler to agree.

Doyle Baird, Akron middleweight, has retired from the ring. Doyle is now a partner of Jimmy Rice in the operation of the Rice-Baird A.C. He is establishing a reputation as an outstanding trainer. His Rice-Baird team took top honors in the Akron Golden Gloves tournament this year.

RING GREAT HERMAN DIES AT 77

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with a two-fisted attack that was devastating.

When Herman began his career, fights were on a "no decision" basis and, except for knockouts, Pete fought 57 of these affairs. He worked his way through a maze of opposition–Joe Wagner, Jimmy Walsh, Young Zulu Kid, Nate Johnson and Eddie Coulon to mention a few.

Then he opened 1916 with Kid Williams, as challenger for the Kid's bantamweight title. They slugged themselves into exhaustion and the decision was a draw over 20 rounds.

Pete was downhearted but went through nine more opponents that year without being beaten. He opened 1917, as he did the previous year, with a title challenge bout with Williams. Herman won this one and was now bantamweight champion of the world.

Three months after Herman won the title he volunteered for service with the Navy. World War I was at hand and Pete said: "I ought to be in the war."

Sammy Goldman, his manager, pulled strings to get Pete into the service since he was almost blind in one eye. A short while later doctors examining him for overseas duty were amazed at his eyesight and, despite efforts made by friends, Pete was discharged. It was one of his major disappointments.

Herman now concentrated on fighting. He fought his way through all comers until December 22, 1920, when in the last fight for the year, his 20th, he lost a 15-round decision to Joe Lynch and with it his title.

Despite the trouble he was having with one of his eyes he continued in the ring and fought one of his most memorable battles on January 13, 1921, with Jimmy Wilde in London.

The English took Herman to their hearts. The convincing manner in which he beat Wilde, knocking the English hero out in 17 rounds, is still talked about by oldtimers who saw the fight.

Pete then scored five knockouts in a row. His opposition, in addition to Wilde, consisted of George Adams, Willie Spencer, Johnny Solsberg and Barney Snyder. The Herman train was then temporarily derailed. A fighter by the name of Young Montreal took a 10-round decision from Pete. Herman snapped back in his next outing to win a 15-round decision from Frankie Dailey in New York. Herman now took another crack at Young Montreal. The venue was the same as their previous meeting place, Boston, and the result was the same. Pete lost another 10-round decision. There was no doubt that Young Montreal was to Herman what Jack Downey was to Jack Dempsey in Jack's early days–his nemesis.

There were those who suggested that Pete quit the ring but he refused. Back to London he sailed and came home to the U.S. after an 11-round knockout over Jimmie Higgins.

The powers that reigned decided to give Herman another title shot. On July 25, 1921, Herman met Joe Lynch and surprised by regaining his crown over 15 rounds.

In September of that year, Herman lost his title, via a 15-round decision, to Johnny Buff, in New York.

Herman had a few more fights but his other eye was now giving him serious trouble. His boxing days were numbered.

He finished out 1921 with a knockout over Packy O'Gatty, a 10-round win over Abe Friedman and a 15-round loss to Midget Smith.

Time was running out. 1922 was to be his last year as a fighter. In February he knocked out Babe Asher and in April won a tenner from Roy Moore. That was his last fight.

Herman was now going blind. Soon, he would see no more. He became a cafe owner in New Orleans and was later to receive a lifetime appointment as a member of the Louisiana State Athletic Commission.

Pete had 148 fights with 52 wins by decision, 19 by knockouts and 57 "no decision" contests. He lost 10 fights by decision, drew in eight, lost one by a foul and was knocked out but once.

Herman was elected to the Boxing Hall of Fame in 1959.

HEAVYWEIGHT BIDDING MAKES MILLION ONLY STARTING POINT AS FOREMAN DISDAINS N.Y.

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nevertheless.

Foreman got $250,000 when he fought Frazier in Jamaica. Now he looks down on the Garden's authentic offer of a million with disdain.

Times sure have changed. It used to be that a million was the grand goal for a heavyweight championship fight.

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The $2,000,000 mark was passed for the first time by the second Tunney-Dempsey fight in Chicago in 1927.

However, the glories of Tex Rickard's regime faded on March 8, 1971, when the Frazier-Clay fight in the Garden, with its closed circuit television revenues in all parts of the world, were reputed to have come to better than $17,000,000.

DeJESUS GETS DECISION OVER GANT IN PUERTO RICO

By MARIO RIVERA MARTINO

San Juan, Puerto Rico — Esteban DeJesus, leading lightweight contender, continued on his winning way by scoring a ten round decision over Johnny Gant before approximately 5,000 fans.

The deciding factor was a first round knockdown suffered by Gant before the bout was a minute old. In the early sessions it looked as if Gant would not be around for long. However he recuperated magnificently and using his advantage in reach was able to stave off his persistent foe while fighting on even terms in the last half of the bout.

The semi-final ten saw Jose Petersen score a unanimous verdict over Venezuelan Nestor Rojas. Rojas made a fight of it all the way and gained the plaudits of the fans with his reckless wild swinging style, moving forward all the time despite a badly lacerated eye.

Feather Francisco Villegas, fresh from a New York victory over David Vazquez, scored a ten round shutout over Luciano Santos.

Frankie Benitez made an auspicious pro debut by scoring a two round TKO victory over Victor Torres. Victor ran out of gas. Benitez is the youngest of the fighting sons of Gregorio Benitez, manager of DeJesus.

▲**Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — In the feature ten Alfredo Escalero scored an easy verdict over Rocky Orengo. They are junior welterweights.

In the semi eight Jose Serrano was lucky to get the verdict over crowd pleasing Benjamin Ortiz. A seventh round foul by Benjamin was a decisive factor in his loss.

Bantam Rafael Santana scored in six over Frank Aponte. In the 130-pound class Cocoa Sanchez got the nod over Esteban Ortiz.

▲**Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — Miguel Montilla continues to win. He gained a ten round verdict over Alfredo Escalera in the 140 pound class.

The semi-final saw Benjamin Ortiz flatten fellow feather Radames Ventura in the fifth session.

In six, welter Santos Solis got the call over Jose Melendez. 130-pounder Cocoa Sanchez scored another win when he beat Jose Serrano in six.

▲**Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — Puerto Rican junior-lightweight champion Samuel Serrano scored an easy, uninteresting ten round decision over Jimmy Howard. Howard displayed plenty of gameness but little in the way of ring savvy.

Lightweight Gino Febus had too much power against Juan Figueroa and the referee called a halt in 2:47 of the first round when a hard left to the jaw had Juan on queer street.

Undefeated junior welter Laudiel Negron scored his fifth consecutive knockout when he achieved a TKO over Dominican Juan Disla. The end came in the second round as a result of a badly cut left eye.

▲**Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — Junior lightweight Champion Samuel Serrano found easy pickings in scoring a two round TKO over New Englander Teddy Rondeau. Sammy was too much for Teddy and the referee called a halt after the third knockdown.

Middleweight Tony Santiago scored a six round TKO over Hector Salaman. This one was called due to a cut eye.

▲**Country Club Stadium, Carolina** — Santo Domingo scored a stunning upset over Puerto Rico in an inter-island tournament that produced quite a few surprises.

In the feature ten Miguel Montilla, Dominican lightweight, carried too many guns for Angel Rivera, who called it quits in the 7th round after taking some heavy body bombardment. After being dropped in the first round Rivera fought a cautious battle until the fatal 7th.

In the semi-final eight, bantamweight Leo Cruz gave Santo Domingo another victory when he flattened local favorite Heriberto Oliveras. Heriberto had a slight lead because of his right jabs but all Leo required was one shot right to the button to stretch his opponent out in the fifth session.

Puerto Rico finally came through with a winner when former Pan-American Olympics titleholder Luis Davila eked out a close one against Dominican Rafael Manon in six heats. This was Davila's sixth victory and his most difficult. It was a see-saw affair all the way with first one and then the other taking the lead in rounds as well as knockdowns.

In the only bout between Puerto Ricans, lightweight Jose Rosa caught Jose "Tato" Alonso cold and flattened him in the first round. Dominican lightweight Jose Pena scored a three round TKO victory over Bienvenido Ocasio, of Puerto Rico.

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STANDER LOSES TO JORDAN ● IN TENNER AT PORTLAND ●

By DON HAMILL

BOSTON, MASS. — The past month was one of upsets, or fights in which New England boxers went down to defeat against slightly known opponents. Jimmy Lopez, New England featherweight champion, bowed to Ernesto Mathias; Ron Stander, training in Boston, dropped a duke to John (Speedy) Jordan; and Beau Jaynes, New England lightweight leader, saw the hand of Johnny Howard raised over him. Lone exception was Tony Petronelli, East Bridgewater comer, who halted Al Hughes.

▲**TAUNTON** — Tony Petronelli, 142, East Bridgewater, refused to be drawn in by the more experienced Al Hughes' feinting tactics. He bore into Hughes, 139, New York, with a persistent attack which slowed the visitor down to a walk. In round seven Hughes was badly shaken and nicked over the left eye. He was unable to come out for the eighth.

Mike Baker, 157, Washington, D.C., now living in Chelsea, stopped a fleeing Don Melosh, 150, White Plains, by catching him in a corner in round two. Melosh arose but was unable to continue. Leo DiFiore, 127, Portland, rallied in the final heat to edge Jimmy (Steward) Coney, 130, New York, by a six round split decision in a slugfest. Gene Bridges, 144, Mount Prospect, Ill., fighting out of Quincy won over Billy Coney, 150, New York, by a six round split decision of a mauling match devoid of interest. Bridges appeared to have a clear cut margin.

▲**BOSTON** — New England featherweight champion Jimmy Lopez, 128, Lawrence, fought in spurts while Ernesto Mathias, 127, Colon, Panama, fought at a sustained pace with light but accurate punches. Mathias won the decision in a pleasing bout that headed the annual show at the Harvard Club before the tuxedoed alumni. A dinner precedes the show, which is viewed from the dinner tables.

Ron Stander, 232, Council Bluffs, Ia., and Gerry Huston, 220, New Bedford, boxed a three round exhibition. Don Sennett, 133, Waltham, made short work of Willie Williams, 140, Brighton, who was dropped by a left hook in the first round, arose in time but was unable to continue. He also suffered a cut under his right eye.

Mike Baker, 162, Washington, D.C., had to come from behind to stop Harry Hippie (Larry Brown), 166, Rahway, N.J., in the fifth round. Baker was hampered by the small ring.

Don Wigfall, 170, Brockton, continued to be impressive by kayoing Bo Green, 177, New York, in the second round. Green was dropped for the full count from a right hand to the ear. Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 145, Lowell, finished stronger in a slugfest with George Green, 140, New York, to take a unanimous four round decision.

▲**PORTLAND** — Speedy Jordan, 196, Norfolk, Va., proved to be just that. He used his speed and sharp punching to whittle out a clear cut ten round decision over Ron Stander, 233, Council Bluffs. Jordan's sharpness cut Stander's face badly. He suffered two cuts over his right eye which was swollen shut, and cut his lips as he raked him with left jabs, hooks, and uppercuts.

Macka Foley, 185, Portland, pulled one out of the fire when a left hook opened up a cut under Oscar Freeman's right eye in the fifth round. Freeman, 173, Norfolk, had built up a big lead but the cut worsened and Freeman was unable to answer the bell for round seven. In the only other pro bout, a six rounder, Mike Baker, 160, Washington, halted veteran Paul Christie, 151, Revere, in the fourth round.

▲**NORTH ADAMS** — Al Romano, 150, North Adams, won for the second time over Roger Phillips, 158, Pittsfield, by way of a disqualification. In the first and only complete round Phillips had an edge as he carried the fight to Romano.

In the second round Phillips hit on the break and also attempted to throttle Romano with his forearm against Romano's throat while against the ropes. Phillips was reprimanded by Referee Pete Mancuso several times.

The Pittsfield battler felt that he was being accused unjustly and took a poke at Mancuso. The referee was hit again later when Phillips assumed the bout was being stopped. Adherents to both fighters jumped into the ring and several fights broke out ringside.

Leo DiFiore, 132, Portland, handed a pasting to Terry Rondeau, 131, Pittsfield. Several times Rondeau blazed with his buzz-saw speed but DiFiore packed the power and slowed Rondeau to a walk. Mike Baker, 156, Washington, punched out a unanimous six round decision over Jose (Pagan) Rivera, 147, Lowell, in an interesting scrap. Jerry Meyers, 130, White Plains, spoiled the pro debut of Ron Gregoire, 127, Lowell.

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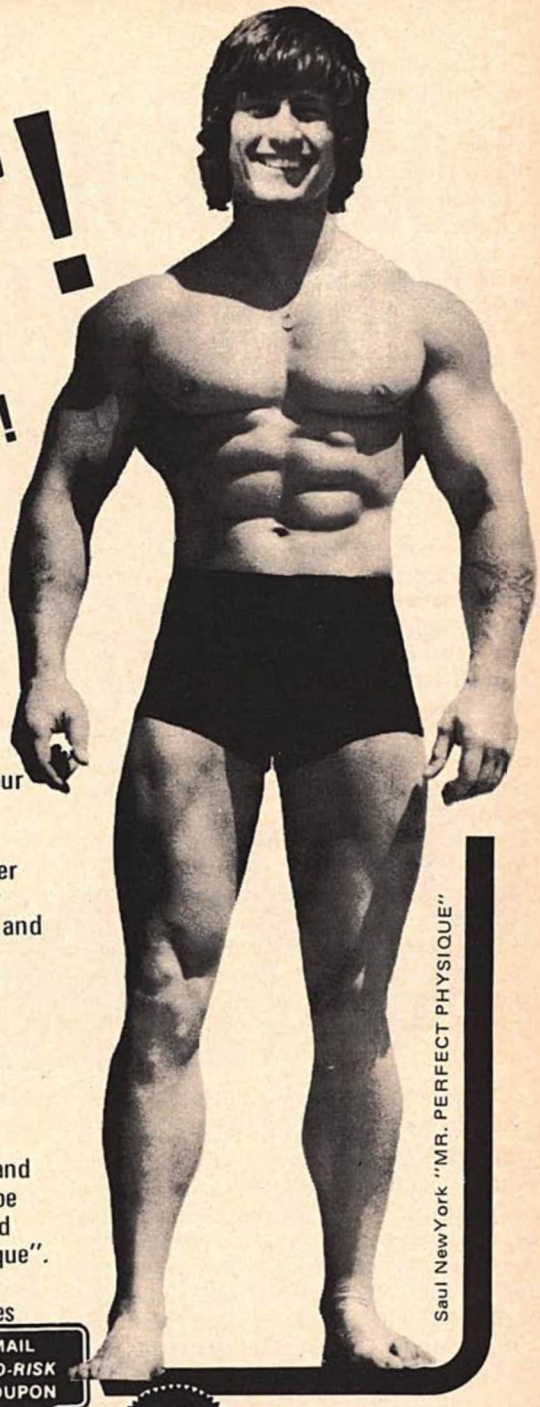

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OLD BROADWAY

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Champions and other famous boxing figures turned out at the opening of a new restaurant at 1253 Coney Island Avenue, in Brooklyn, operated by Lulu Constantino, in conjunction with his brother Jimmy. . .Lulu was a great performer in his era, 1938-1948, the lad from the East Side having been a featherweight and lightweight. . .Now 51, Lulu, who had 150 fights and met many champions–Beau Jack, Bob Montgomery, Ike Williams, Chalky Wright, Harry Jeffra, Joey Archibald, Tippy Larkin and Willie Pep–is as sprightly as ever. His manager was the late Charley Johnston and his trainers were Bertie Briscoe and Ned Johnston. . .Lulu also has a place at 199 Second Avenue, in New York City. Lulu and his wife Roberta have five children.

The opening featured celebrities from the fistic world, most of them from Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21 in Brooklyn. Sammy Venti handled the introductions. Paul Berlenbach and Lou Salica topped the list of former ring champs on hand. . .Also, the Zulu Kid, Steve Riggio, who twice scored over Rocky Graziano, Joe Kane, George "Kid Texas" Cava, Sammy Markowitz, Larry Young, Don Francione, Frankie Martin, Sammy Venti and his wife Dolores, little Mickey Farber, Horace McIntyre, Mickey Oliver, Augie Pisano, Pat Marcune, Charley Varre, Al Miller, Joe Mulli, Carmine Fatta, Joe Nelson, Augie Parente, Tommy Fontana and Frankie Ross, all former fighters from the New York area.

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News of retirement of Harry Markson from the presidency of the Madison Square Garden Boxing Department came as a surprise. Only the day before, Duke Stefano had an impromptu 67th birthday party in the Garden for Harry for the office clan. We have known Markson from the days when he was with the Bronx Home News. He switched and became publicity man for Mike Jacobs, then promoting in the now gone New York Hippodrome, and eventually taking the helm after being affiliated also with the late Jim Norris, who operated the boxing department at the 8th Avenue Garden. Markson is one of the most knowledgeable boxing men we know and was well liked.

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Duke Stefano, associated with Teddy Brenner as assistant matchmaker for the Garden and Felt Forum, was jubilant when speaking of the 12 round heavyweight scrap between Chuck Wepner and Billy Marquart, which Jimmy Colotto promoted at the Embassy Hall, in North Bergen, N.J. He said it was a great fight with Wepner the winner with Sid Schlesinger, owner of the largest department store in Hudson County, donating a belt, emblematic of the New Jersey heavyweight title. Marquart's father, Billy, a crack lightweight out of Detroit, who was managed by Jack Hurley, fought Sammy Angott, and most of the headliners of his day.

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Oscar Conill has spent 25 of his years in the boxing game, now operating around New York and in Puerto Rico. Began his fistic promotions in Havana, then came to New York after Fidel Castro took over. Matchmaker for shows in the Maritime Union and has been promoting fights at Sunnyside Gardens, in L.I. City. Recently started boxing again at the Roll-A-Rama in Brooklyn. Incidentally, he runs fights in Puerto Rico, in the San Juan sector, now known as the Roberto Clemente Arena, with a reputed 18,000 capacity. Conill is quite sold on San Juan. Expects to run wrestling shows at the Sunnyside Gardens, the Roll-A-Rama, Freeport and Commack, L.I., this summer.

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Sammy Venti, little star of his era and associated with Paul Berlenbach's Ring #21, in Brooklyn, recently received his boxing license as an announcer and it was at Oscar Conill's Roll-A-Rama he got his first assignment. . .Sammy hopes for plenty of New York assignments. . .His brother Pete is a splendid referee in New Jersey.

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Pete Rademacher, who made pugilistic history when he jumped from amateur ranks to fight Floyd Patterson for the world heavyweight crown, is never one to let grass grow under his feet. Pete is now head of Keifer McNeil, a division of McNeil Corporation, of Akron, Ohio, an outfit he has been affiliated with since 1965. . .Rademacher, now 44, was winner of the All-Army, Inter-service Military and Olympic trials in 1956 and captured the Gold Medal when he beat the Russian champion the same year in the Olympics at Melbourne, Australia.

SOUTH AFRICA TOUTS RICHARDS

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tarring machine up, and they put down concrete blocks instead. It's 1½ miles to the top and Richards had to jog all the way.

At the same time, in the gym, Lotter worked at tightening up Richards' defense.

Before Higgs could see the result of all this training in the ring, he had his work cut out to make sure that Jimmy was allowed to go on fighting. After the fight against Roos in Cape Town, the Cape Board of Control took away Richards' license on the grounds that he wasn't competent to be in the ring and that he might be seriously hurt if he carried on.

Richards was licensed in the Transvaal, so Higgs took the case before the Transvaal Board of Control. The officials of the Transvaal Board decided to give Richards one trial fight.

That was the bout against Japie Pretorius in February, 1972, and the improvement in Richards' condition was obvious even then. The footwork was snappier, the guard was up and the punches were more direct. He had also lost the defeatist look.

He won that fight on a knockout in the sixth round, and the Board gave him the green light to go on boxing.

Richards hit a winning streak after that. He beat Johnny Britz on points for the Transvaal title, knocked out the Welsh champion Del Philips in the eighth round and won on points over the Rhodesian champion, Mohamed Tar Baby. He met his equal, though, in Mike Schutte, who beat him twice on points, the first time in September last year and again in November.

Also in November, Chris Roos took the South African heavyweight title from Sarel Aucamp, and Richards knew that a return match between himself and Roos was inevitable. Higgs had always maintained that Richards was not ready for the fight in which Roos hammered Richards so badly in Cape Town. Now, 10 months later, Richards was a far better boxer.

The two old rivals met in January in a non-title bout and fought a draw over 10 rounds. The reckoning still had to come, and come it did this past March.

This time Richards kept up a barrage in the first five rounds that took him way ahead on points. Even though Roos fought back stoutly in the second half and often bored through Richards' defense, he could not make up the leeway.

Reg Higgs believes that Richards is now ready to start making his way up the world ratings ladder. "Jimmy is only 25 and you find a lot of heavyweights start maturing after that age," he says.

"There has been some talk of a fight between Jimmy and Joe Bugner, but I think that possibility is out for the moment. We don't want to move that fast," declares Higgs.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

UNBEATEN COLLEGIAN CHACON GIVES CRAWFORD ONE ROUND

By DON FRASER

ANAHEIM – Irish Frankie Crawford was expected to be featherweight Bobby Chacon's 17th knockout victim when they met at the Convention Center.

Crawford surprised the oddsmakers by going ten rugged rounds with the unbeaten college student. In fact, it appeared that the veteran from North Hollywood won the last two rounds, but not as the three official scorecards showed it.

The scoring was 8-1, 10-1 and 10-1, all for Chacon.

Crawford kissed the canvas in the first round from a right under the heart. Frankie took an eight count, then stayed out of trouble the rest of the night.

It was the 21-year-old Chacon's 18th straight victory, 16 by knockouts.

Promoter-matchmaker Mickey Davies was well satisfied with the turnout of 4100 and the gate of $24,000.

Weights: Chacon, 127½, Crawford, 129.

Irish Mike Nixon, the middleweight brother-in-law of Jerry and Mike Quarry, won his third straight comeback effort. Mike, 159½, twice floored Jose Martin Flores, 159, San Diego, enroute to an easy 10 round win.

Tony Bellard, 140, from nearby Orange High, nodded Felix Alvarado, 138, Los Angeles, in a six rounder. Spike Sanborn, 132, North Hollywood, dec. over Jose Infante, 128½, Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SAN BERNARDINO** – Petey Vital, 135, El Monte, used a sharp left hand punch to put Tony Romero, 134½, Mexico, in trouble. The result was a sixth round knockout triumph for young Vital, who is managed by his father, one-time fighter Pete Vital, Sr.

David Arellano, 151, Los Angeles, decisioned Lalo Barrienta, 151¼, East Los Angeles, (6); Alex Bahena, 132½, Colton, got decision over Julio Lopez, 133, Los Angeles, (5); Carlos Perez, 130, Los Angeles, KO over Rafael Espinal, 131, Mexico, (4).

▲**SAN JOSE** – Jorge Ramos, 129, of San Jose and Buenos Aires, outsmarted Joe Valdez, 130½, Tijuana, Mex., in eight of ten rounds to roar to an easy 10 round decision at Civic Auditorium.

Kenny Brooks, 135, Los Angeles, decision over Jesus Mariscal, 135½, San Jose, (10); Johnny Dunn, 161, Long Beach, decisioned Felton Marshall, 158½, Oakland, (6); Carl Bridges, 185, San Francisco, outpointed Danny Hall, 194, Oakland, (4).

▲**SAN BERNARDINO** — Two pint sized brawlers, Jose Olivares, 126, Mexico, and Japan's Shig Fukuyama, went full speed for ten rounds. Olivares' fast finish gave him the verdict.

Juan Lopez, 120, Los Angeles, decisioned Jewel Chappell, 122, Los Angeles, (6); Jerry Williams, 137, Santa Ana, decision over Hector Rodriguez, 130, Los Angeles, (5); Ruben Mozqueda, 121½, East Los Angeles, outpointed Tomas Huerta, 118, Mexico, (5).

▲**STOCKTON** — Alberto Reyes, 134, Manila, overpowered Babe Chocolate Ortiz, 130, Mexico, in four rounds. The scheduled 10-rounder was stopped with Ortiz in bad shape.

In a second 10-rounder, David Love, 155½, San Diego prospect, knocked out veteran Billy Walker, 156, in the ninth round.

Jean Mateo, 158, Stockton, KO over Joe Wallace, 157½, Oakland, (3); Celso Tupas, 119¼, Stockton, KO over Tomas Huerta, 118, Mexico, (4).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Top ranking junior middleweight Oscar Albarado, 157, Uvale Texas, shook up Alex Olguin, 151, Mexico, with a series of body punches, then finished him off with a left right combination to the head.

The end came after 1:37 of the fourth round.

Oscar, called The Shotgun, hasn't lost since Ernie Lopez turned the trick two years ago at the Olympic.

Carlos Palomino, 149, Orange, decisioned Lalo Barriente, 150, East Los Angeles, (6); Isidrio Salinas, 126, Los Angeles, KO over Ricky Nakaima, 124, Japan, (2); Johnny Watson, 122, Southwest Los Angeles, and Carlos Villarreal, 126, East Los Angeles, drew (6).

▲**STOCKTON** — Filipino favorite Rudy Barro, 138, was much too strong for Mexico's Nacho Del Rio, 138, in their 10 rounder at Memorial Auditorium. The decision was unanimous.

Olympic champion Ray Seales, 140, made his California debut and halted Sugar Montgomery, 138½, San Francisco, in the sixth. A cut over Montgomery's left eyebrow ended a lively scrap.

Lorenzo Maldonado, 124, Stockton, outpointed Edgar Cabalhin, 121, Manila, in 10 rounds. In a four rounder, Celso Tupas, 120, Fresno, decisioned Ruben Mozqueda, 120, Stockton.

▲**LOS ANGELES** — In a free swinging affair, Leoncio Meza, 128½, Mexico, was given a sixth round KO win over Delfino Rodriguez, 129½, Los Angeles, at Olympic.

A badly cut left eye caused Rodriguez to cancel out after a game showing.

Frankie Davila, 143, Los Angeles, and Akira Fujikura, 141, Tokyo, drew (6); Luis Hernandez, 130, East Los Angeles, KO over Lorenzo Maldonado, 133, Los Angeles, (2); Carlos Villarreal, 124, Los Angeles, decision over Ramon Perez, 125, East Los Angeles, (5); Bobby Jarvis, 164½, Los Angeles, decisioned Felton Marshall, 161, Southwest Los Angeles, (4).

▲**SACRAMENTO** — Denny Moyer, 160, Portland, had just too much savvy for Mario Marquez, 156½, Ensenada, Mexico, in their 10-rounder at Civic Auditorium.

After ten grueling rounds, winner Moyer looked more like a loser as he suffered two cuts.

Raul Manjareez, 133, Mexico City, decision over Jesus Mariscal, 135, San Diego, (10); Monroe Brooks, 137, Los Angeles, KO over Vicente Hernandez, 135, Sacramento, (5).

▲**LOS ANGELES** — Jesus (Chucho) Alonso, of Mexico, was highly successful in his second Southern California appearance.

In his first bout last year, the youngster was held to a surprise draw by Frankie Crawford. This time, he needed less than two rounds to dispose of Mar Yuzon, of the Philippines.

Veteran middleweight Denny Moyer outpointed Mario Marquez in a 10-rounder at Sacramento, although suffering two cuts along the way.

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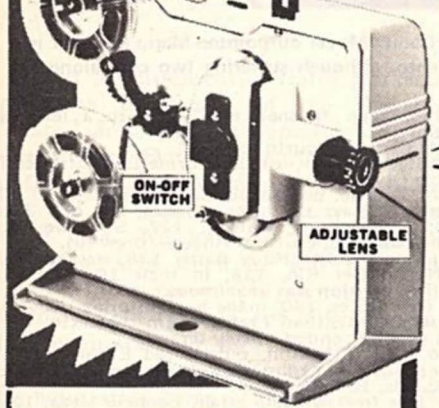

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GRAY BEATS VILLA IN GOOD 10 AT NOVA SCOTIA

By FRED BISHOP

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA — Clyde Gray, 148, Windsor, N.S., British Commonwealth and Canadian welterweight champion, took a unanimous 10 round decision over Papo Villa, 146, New York. The gate was $10,500.

Gray used a persistent body attack with rapid combinations to the head to all but outclass the game visitor. A left hook dropped Villa in the eighth for eight but a kayo bid was foiled as the smooth boxing Villa slipped punches for the remainder of the round.

The semi-final, scheduled for eight, was short as comebacking Lambert MacIntosh, 162, Sydney, hung a fourth round kayo on Archie Lee, 160, Halifax.

Lee started fast as he came out swinging with the opening bell and kept such pressure on MacIntosh throughout the first three rounds it looked like Lee would knock his head off but MacIntosh is a strong battler and he took over midway through the fourth, landing left and right smashes that soon had Lee on his heels. A left hook to the jaw dropped Lee and guest referee George Chuvalo counted him out just as the bell ended the round.

In another eight, Denny Couchrane, 162, Antigonish, Maritime middleweight champion and young Joe (BangBang) Henry, 157, Toronto, staged an all out war in the best fight of the night. A knockdown in the seventh by Couchrane was just enough to grab the judges eyes for a unanimous decision.

In a six rounder, Mickey McEachern, 165, Dinwall, outpointed Bobby Brake, 170, Fall River, N.S. in a slugfest. Brake was making his pro debut and had taken the fight on a five hour notice.

▲**Cornwallis, N.S.** — The Nova Scotia amateur championships were run off at this Canadian Navy base before a large crowd with champions being declared in all classes. Outstanding boxer of the meet was Ev Armstrong, Halifax, as he took the 147 lbs. title. Results were:

Light flyweight: Dan Arsenault, Amherst, defeated Neil MacNeil, New Waterford. Flyweight: Miles Fisher, Antigonish.

Bantamweight: Emerson Rose, New Waterford, defeated Miles Fisher, Antigonish.

Featherweight: Neil MacLellan, Sydney, defeated Derek Pezzarell, River Ryan.

Lightweight: Donnie Downey, Halifax, defeated Dwain Gordon, Sackville.

Lightwelter: Frankie Paris, Truro, defeated Titus Campbell, New Waterford.

Welterweight: Ev Armstrong, Halifax, defeated Danny MacNeil, Sydney Mines.

Lightmiddle: Clary Berry, Halifax, defeated John Coakley, New Waterford.

Middleweight: Warren Grant, Halifax.

Lightheavy: Mike Doyle, Sydney Mines.

Heavyweight: Carroll Morgan, Antigonish (also Canadian champion)

BOBICK'S PRO DEBUT SEES BURNS OUT IN ONE

By HALEY BLAINE

Minneapolis, Minn. — Denver heavyweight Duane Bobick began his professional career successfully when he decked Canadian veteran Tommy Burns four times in the first round of their scheduled 10-round event.

Referee George Reiter stopped the fight with five seconds remaining in the first round.

It was Bobick's pro debut after signing a contract with Denver businessman and sportsman Bill Daniels. Daniels is also a partner in Ron Lyle, of Denver.

Bobick weighed in at 210½ pounds, while Burns, a victim of one round knockouts by George Chuvalo and Mac Foster, came in 4½ pounds heavier. The 6-foot-3 Bobick enjoyed a two-inch height advantage.

The action was fast-paced as Burns challenged the Olympian in the opening two minutes. However, Bobick staggered him with a right to the body and then hammered away at Burns until the referee intervened in after the fourth knockdown.

Bobick had a 93-10 amateur record, winning 60 by KO's. He was the 1971 National AAU Champion and 1972 National Golden Gloves titlist. He won the Pan-American Games' gold medal in 1971 and represented the United States in the 1972 Olympic Games, in which he was stopped by Cuba's Stephenson.

BUCHANAN BEATS MATTA BUT IS AFFECTED BY COURT WRIT

By RON OLVER

LONDON, England – British lightweight champion Ken Buchanan, 136½, made one of his rare London appearances on a commercial show to outpoint Puerto Rican Hector Matta, 137¼, over ten rounds. It wasn't one of the former world champion's better performances. The fight was at Royal Albert Hall.

It didn't help when Ken was served with a writ when he got to the hall on the night of the fight. Apparently this was a claim by his former manager Eddie Thomas for £4,500 from Ken's purse in respect of his return bout with Ismael Laguna in 1971.

In fairness, Eddie Thomas stated that he had no idea the writ was to be served at that particular time. The matter had been placed in the hands of solicitors, and it was they who had chosen the time and the place.

Afterwards Ken said this writ had been on his mind from the moment it had been served, and consequently affected his performance.

On referee Harry Gibbs' card, Buchanan did not lose a round. The score was 50-48½, and although Matta kept busy and threw plenty of leather his punching was of the light variety, fortunately for Ken, who was caught from time to time, but not hurt.

It was an untidy contest, too much mauling at close-quarters in which Buchanan allowed himself to be involved.

Matta was warned for such infringements as misuse of the head, holding, not breaking when told to do so, and in the seventh he was given a long talking-to by the referee. But these things were mostly because of a clash of styles.

Buchanan provided the cleaner punching, and it was good to see him use his right cross, which often pulled up Matta in his tracks. The British champ was unmarked, whereas Matta's face showed signs of wear at the close.

On paper a convincing victory for Buchanan, but not a fight to remember.

Former European light heavyweight champion Conny Velensek, Germany, 183¼, beat Les Stevens, Reading, 191, who suffered a cut eye in the fourth round, causing the bout to be stopped. It was Stevens' first professional defeat after 15 successive victories. The injury needed 10 stitches.

Not a lot in it at that stage, with Stevens jabbing with a neat but light left in the first couple of rounds, and Velensek coming more into the picture

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Ex-lightweight king Ken Buchanan lands a smashing right to the face of Hector Matta during their 10-rounder at London's Royal Albert Hall. Buchanan won the decision.

BRITISH COMMONWEALTH RATINGS

(As of May 15, 1973)

HEAVYWEIGHT

Champion
Danny McAlinden (I)
1. George Chuvalo (C)
2. Joe Bugner (E)
3. Bunny Johnson (J)
4. Richard Dunn (E)
5. Billy Aird (E)
6. Les Stevens (E)
7. Bill Drover (C)
8. Mani Vaka (T)
9. Rocky Campbell (Ant.)
10. Wendell Newton (B)

CRUISERWEIGHT

Champion
Chris Finnegan (E)
1. John Conteh (E)
2. Roy John (W)
3. Johnny Frankham (E)
4. Baby Boy Rolle (B)
5. Ronnie Wilson (C)
6. Lloyd Walford (J)
7. Johnny Gorkum (A)
8. Gary Summerhays (C)
9. Al Sparks (C)
10. Peter Asando (G)

MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Tony Mundine (A)
1. Bunny Sterling (J)
2. Kevin Finnegan (E)
3. Don McMillan (S)
4. Battling Laavassa (Samoa)
5. Alan Minter (E)
6. Harry Scott (E)
7. Pat McCann (E)
8. Mick Cain (E)
9. Roy Lee (J)
10. Alipate Korovou (Tonga)

LIGHT MIDDLEWEIGHT

Champion
Charkey Ramon (A)
1. Nojim Maiyegun (N)
2. Donato Paduano (C)
3. Mark Rowe (E)
4. Matt Donovan (T)
5. Carlos Marks (T)
6. Tom Imrie (S)
7. Frank Young (I)
8. Pat Dwyer (E)
9. Paul Lovi (A)
10. Wayne Bannister (A)

WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Clyde Gray (C)
1. Eddie Blay (G)
2. Marshall Butler (C)
3. John H. Stracey (E)
4. Fernand Marcotte (C)
5. Bunny Grant (J)
6. Bobby Arthur (E)
7. Peter Cobblah (G)
8. Ricky Porter (E)
9. Paul Moore (A)
10. Elisha Obed (B)

LIGHT WELTERWEIGHT

Champion
Hector Thompson (A)
1. Joe Tetteh (G)
2. Pat McCormack (I)
3. Ali Afakasi (NZ)
4. Joey Santos (NZ)
5. Eric Briggs (NZ)
6. Johnny Summerhays (C)
7. Johnny Phillips (A)
8. Leo Young (A)
9. Dave Edwards (A)
10. Mark Duffy (A)

LIGHTWEIGHT

Champion
Percy Hayles (J)
1. Ken Buchanan (S)
2. Manny Santos (NZ)
3. Al Ford (C)
4. Jim Watt (S)
5. Jonathan Dele (N)
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7. Colin Cassidy (A)
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Champion
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1. Toro George (NZ)
2. Love Allotey (G)
3. Tommy Glencross (S)
4. Evan Armstrong (S)
5. Jimmy Bell (S)
6. Bingo Crooks (J)
7. Howard Hayes (E)
8. Lucky Gattellari (A)
9. Mick Heafey (A)
10. Billy Waith (W)

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Champion
Paul Ferreri (A)
1. Johnny Clark (E)
2. Paddy Maguire (I)
3. Dave Needham (E)
4. Sulley Shittu (G)
5. Colin Miles (W)
6. John Kellie (S)
7. Fred Burns (A)
8. Wayne Wallace (A)
9. Willie Leslie (A)
10. Paddy Graham (I)

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Champion
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1. John McCluskey (S)
2. Bob Eggleton (A)
3. Big Jim West (A)
4. Steve Bell (A)
5. David Natta (Zambia)

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BENNET SCORES TWO MORE KNOCKOUTS AT LAS VEGAS

By ROBERT MOSS

LAS VEGAS, NEV. — He's known here as "Magic." But there really isn't anything mystifying about the way Lonnie Bennet disposes of his opponents. Patient workmanship enabled the Los Angeles based Bennet to add two more knockouts to a record that has grown to an impressive 16 and 2, including 14 knockouts.

Bennet's victories over heavyweight Fred Wallace, Detroit, and lightheavy Frank Evans, New Orleans, were the highlights of recent Nevada boxing.

Against Wallace, 180, the milling in the opening round seemed fairly even. Suddenly Bennet, 178, maneuvered his opponent into the ropes and delivered two hard shots to the liver. Wallace, dropped and was counted out. He had been a last minute substitute for Evans.

Fighting Evans a few weeks later, Bennet, at 175, had a more difficult time and had to survive a knockdown before disposing of the New Orleans battler. In the first two rounds Bennet was a shade better than Evans, 174, who had started the fight with brisk confidence but soon was pressed by his opponent's steady aggressiveness.

Lonnie was connecting with straight lefts and when he could get inside Evans' guard strong body shots. But in the third round, with Bennet still coming on, Evans caught Lonnie in a neutral corner and decked the Los Angeles fighter with a left hook followed by a right. But Bennet got up to carry the fight again and three rounds later end it.

A stablemate of Bennet and Jones, Freddie Jones, was also impressive when he boxed to a unanimous decision over fast charging, David Arrellano, 148, San Diego. After an inconclusive five rounds, Jones, 150, Pasadena, relying mainly on a slashing left, won the next two rounds and then had enough to hold off his rival to get the ten round decision.

A familiar face was seen in Las Vegas, that of George "Scrapiron" Jones. Scrap's Oliver Hardyish physique occasionally provokes mirth among spectators but a list of opponents that has included three heavyweight champions have never found Johnson all that funny.

Certainly young Dave Sherman, 208, of Sacramento, was not laughing after Johnson, 228, of Los Angeles, has knocked him out after only 19 seconds gone in the second round. When he had regained his wits, Sherman, accosted Johnson looking for all the world like the chap who has just looked for the pea under the wrong shell. He could not understand how Johnson had put him out.

"I just put you in the old pressure cooker, man, right in that old pressure cooker" Johnson patiently explained to the younger man.

Another young heavyweight, George Clark, 175, of Henderson, Nev., regional Golden Gloves winner, scored his second KO in as many fights when with blood streaming down his face from a cut under the eye he still knocked out Walter Alex, 175, of Las Vegas in 2:49 of the first round. A few weeks ago, Clark made his professional debut with a two round KO of Emmet Price, of Los Angeles.

Joining the big fellow in the winner's circle was a little one but also a regional G.G. winner — Willie Jensen a flyweight from Henderson. He stopped Ray Thomas, 115, of L.A. with two left hooks in the first round. Jensen, 112, also showed a good jab in the quick scuffle.

Though he has been active as a professional for a decade, after beating tough young Jose Martin Flores, Walter "Valentine" Kelly pronounced it "my most satisfying win."

But the fates that govern boxing were to decree that Kelly's prize be tarnished. Though he had soundly whipped Flores, a rematch was arranged and a badly conditioned Kelly got a thrashing with Flores going the veteran one better and knocking Kelly down — the first time either battler had been floored in the short series.

▲Some of the luster went off of Flores triumph when a few weeks later in Los Angeles he was dropped a couple of times and lost a unanimous ten round decision to Mike Nixon.

For Moyer the picture changed during the month also. Expected to challenge Art Hernandez, the man who took Denny's North American Middleweight lead away — the quick three round triumph of Benny Briscoe over Hernandez (the brother of Ferd a former middleweight contender and boxing official here) would seem to move Moyer a step or so away from another title try.

The first man he beat on the comeback trail, Chu Chu Garcia of Mexico, looked very impressive this month in coming from behind for a unanimous ten round decision over Peter Cobblah, 150½, of Las Vegas by way of Ghana. Key to the triumph was Garcia's durability (he's never been knocked out) and ability to come on while Cobblah, after a fast start tired through the middle and late stages of the bout. It was a case of a boxer, Garcia, 150, a relatively light puncher, over a slugger who has the unique distinction of only twice winning ten round decisions in a career which has seen him knock out opponents 32 times in his 68 total fights.

For this fight Garcia was handled by Danny Rodriguez of the Sid Flaherty stable of fighters out of Del Zura, Calif. In addition to Flores and Eddie Mazon (who hold a split decision win over Kelly) the team includes Rossario Zavala and Hildo Silva, each of whom lost close decisions during recent activity.

Of the two disputed verdicts, the one that went against lightheavy Silva was the most controversial. The Mexican was nodded by heavyweight Don Johnson whose last Las Vegas appearance found him handing Duane Bobick's young brother Rodney his first loss. For Silva it was only his third loss in 23 fights.

Johnson, 195, who outweighed Silva by 18 pounds, wisely elected to go to the body of the smaller man where he did most of his damage with his no-frills, straight ahead frontal attack. Silva meanwhile presented a more mobile target. He used a pecking left with some success to keep Johnson off. In the exchanges, Hildo seemed at least the equal of the heavier man.

▲Zavala had stopped Manuel Castorena, 145½, of Long Beach in four heats earlier in the month but lost a close ten round decision to Candee Barnes of Las Vegas in his latest fight. Barnes, 145, got off fast against Zavala, 147, and seemed to have the fight well in hand until the fifth round when he got hit by a right hand that came from somewhere in the direction of Carson City.

Zavala began to come on. Though he had less reach than Barnes he poked his left at Candee and had his best round when he was able to move his persistent opponent back with more looping rights in the seventh. But the eighth proved the key round. Zavala having seized the initiative could not hold it and Barnes took this heat and the next to cement the triumph which was awarded to him by scores of 47-45, 47-45, and 47-43.

▲The closest recent main event of all was a draw between Las Vegas' veteran Ronnie Wilson and former Califronia lightheavy leader, Terry Lee, who was making his first start in over six months because of an injured hand. Using a flicking left jab, Lee, 176½, was able to pick his spots against Wilson, 169, in the early rounds.

But Ronnie, a pressure type of fighter who is always crowding his man and looking for opportunities to use a potent right hand, fought well in rounds four through six. The next two heats were "pick 'em affairs. Lee seemed to have the edge in the ninth as he tested the damaged right hand more than he had at any other time during the fight. But Wilson might have salvaged the draw with a good tenth. At least that's what he thought and judge Tabot agreed with him, scoring the fight 46-45 in his favor. Hal Miller thought that Lee won the fight by the same margin and Art Lurie's ballot read 46 all.

Other results: Dave Simmons, 159, Vancourver, B.C.; TKO over Chu Chu Juarez, 157, Los Angeles, 8 rounds. Ezra Davis, Jr., 135, Las Vegas; Unan. decisioned Manuel Castillo, 138, San Diego, 6 rounds. John Greb, 175, Las Vegas; decisioned Frankie Citro, 173, San Diego, 6 rounds. Manuel Castillo, 138; KO'd Ray Thomas, 128, Los Angeles, 3 rounds.

VALDES STOPS BOOKER, ● EARNS SHOT IN GARDEN ●

By TIM HOGAN

Rodrigo Valdes, Colombian middleweight, won himself a Garden show when he stopped Kim Booker, of California, in five in the Forum in the Garden Building.

Teddy Brenner said he believed Valdes merited a big fight, against Jean Claude Bouttier, even though the Frenchman got a sound beating from champion Carlos Monzon.

Decent matches are hard to come by, Brenner has discovered lately more, more than ever before.

Booker now is 11 and 2. Valdes is 45-4-2, with 28 knockouts.

In the six-round semifinal, Juan Cantres, 147, Puerto Rico, beat Marcos Figueroa, 147, New York. The bout was signed after Duke Stefano learned that Willie Mack of Rego Park had been hurt in an auto accident after weighing in at mid-day. Mack had been listed to fight Eddie Gregory.

Tommy Roane, 141, Brooklyn, won from Carlos Gonzalez, 138, Bronx, and Pedro Guzman, 130, New York, beat Alipio Ortiz, 128¾, Brooklyn, in six-rounders. In a scheduled four, Ray White, 141, Bronx, halted Willie Armstead, 141½, New York, at 1:31 of the second.

EUROPEAN DECISIONS BRING LOUD HOLLERS FOR HELP

By J. A. TREE

BERLIN, GERMANY – Two diabolical decisions by officials on this side of the ocean cost Austrian Johann Orsolics and Max Cohen, France, victories in recent important matches.

Orsolics was called the loser in a junior middleweight title bout with champion Carlos Duran in Vienna. Cohen was given only half the points in a bout with Emile Griffith in Paris.

The Vienna scrap result caused a near riot, with almost everything being thrown into the ring and several officials were manhandled by the crowd.

Some critics in a generous mood gave Duran three rounds. Two judges, Julian Risoto, Spain, and Rene Schaltenbrand, Switzerland, made Duran the winner by 73-70 and 71-70 respectively.

Referee Jean Deswert, Belgium, was more realistic and saw Orsolics in front by 71-69. Ferry Proy, Austrian official, said it was the worst decision he had experienced in 40 years of boxing.

In Paris, referee Baldcyron and one judge made the Cohen-Griffith fight all square while the third official made Cohen the winner. This was not Griffith at his best and Cohen deserved the verdict.

Both fighters had a urine test and Griffith's proved positive.

Griffith, with a cold, having injured his back in training, probably took medicine of sort and this could have shown a positive result when the doping check was made.

(The French Federation sent dope charges against Griffith to the New York Commission, which threw the case out of court.)

Nino Benvenuti, former world middleweight champion, has received two offers to make a comeback. One is 50,000,000 lire for four fights and another for 40,000,000 lire for three fights.

Luis Vinales, Denny Moyer and Bennie Briscoe have been mentioned as opponents. I doubt if Nino will accept either of these chances to be humiliated in the ring.

Frenchmen Rene Roque and Maurice Tavant are doing well in retirement. Roque is now a hotel owner and Tavant has opened a bar.

Former European heavyweight champion Jose Urtain, Spain, is inactive for a while, having broken an ankle.

Swedish bronze medal winner at

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Carlos Duran (left) pokes a left to the head of Johann Orsolics during their 15-round European junior middleweight title clash at Vienna. Duran received the verdict, something the crowd didn't agree with.

EUROPEAN RATINGS

(As of May 15, 1973)

Heavyweights
* Joe Bugner (GB)
1. Jose Urtain (S)
2. Bepi Ros (I)
3. Mario Baruzzi (I)
4. Rudi Lubbers (H)
5. Ray Patterson (Sw)
6. Conny Velensek (G)
7. Arno Prick (G)
8. Jan Lubbers (H)
9. Adriano Rosati (I)
10. Casimiro Martinez (S)

Light Heavies
* John Conteh (GB)
1. Rudiger Schmidtke (G)
2. Domenico Adinolfi (I)
3. Karl Heinz Klein (G)
4. Mario Almanzo (I)
5. Aldo Traversaro (I)
6. Erik Nussbaum (Switz)
7. Tom Jensen (D)
8. Franco Macchia (I)
9. Renzo Grespan (I)
10. Bas van Duivenbode (H)

Middleweights
* Tom Bogs (D)
1. Jean Claude Bouttier (F)
2. Max Cohen (F)
3. Fabio Bettini (F)
4. Gratien Tonna (F)
5. Sauro Soprani (I)
6. Mario Lamagna (I)
7. Luciano Sarti (I)
8. Peter Tombers (G)
9. Nicola Menchi (I)
10. Elio Calcabrini (I)

Junior Middles
* Carlos Duran (I)
1. Johann Orsolics (A)
2. Silvano Bertini (I)
3. Jacques Kechichian (F)
4. Jose Hernandez (S)
5. Francis Vermandere (F)
6. Angel Guinaldo (S)
7. Jose Duran (S)
8. Christian Larsen (D)
9. Antonio Torres (S)
10. Domenico Tiberia (I)

Welterweights
* Roger Menetrey (F)
1. Robert Gallois (F)
2. Jorgen Hansen (D)
3. Marco Scano (I)
4. Jose Gonzalez (S)
5. Giuliano Nervino (I)
6. Romualdo D'Alo (I)
7. Jacques van Mellaerst (F)
8. Walter Baser (Switz)
9. Bruno Meggiolaro (I)
10. Domenico DiJorio (I)

Junior Welters
* Cemal Kamaci (T)
1. Bruno Arcari (I)
2. Roger Zami (F)
3. Romano Fanali (I)
4. Pietro Ceru (I)
5. Bernard Creton (F)
6. Baldassarre Picone (F)
7. Sandro Lopopolo (I)
8. Tony Ortiz (S)
9. Ermanno Fasoli (I)
10. Tommaso Marocco (I)

Lightweights
* Antonio Puddu (I)
1. Pedro Carrasco (S)
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3. Enzo Petriglia (I)
4. Efisio Pinna (I)
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3. Ugo Poli (I)
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2. Franco Sperati (I)
3. Dino Contemori (I)
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5. Kid Romero (S)
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FOURIE BEATS ZURHEIDE EASILY IN SOUTH AFRICA

By ED CLARK

CAPE TOWN — Pierre Fouri, 170, had too much savvy for Karl Zurheide, 171½, and beat the American on points over 10 rounds at the Cape Showgrounds. Fifteen months ago Fourie beat Zurheide and in the re-run Zurheide, whose stablemate Amado Vasquez dropped Fourie with a left hook when they fought, used left hooks frequently to unsettle or check Fourie but Fourie just closed in to counter the punch.

Matt Baule, Zurheide's manager, said "The guy was just too quick for us—he kept on beating Karl to the punch and we could not find a counter."

Fourie was unmarked but Zurheide's face was puffy as a result of Fourie's stabbing lefts and hard short rights. Zurheide tried to attack but he was stopped short with a lightning left that sent Zurheide's head back. Zurheide landed a hard uppercut in the second but Fourie forced him to the ropes with a flurry of blows.

Zurheide used the ring well but Fourie was punches ahead and kept up a constant attack giving the American no respite. In the final round Fourie cut loose with both hands and a tired leg-weary Zurheide did well to last the round. The 8,000 crowd were treated to a slugging match as two knockout specialists in Kosie Smith and Mexico's Amado Vasquez forgot about science and tried to K.O. each other over 10 rounds.

Neither succeeded and Smith was declared the winner because of his cleaner punches and greater accuracy. Both connected with punches that would have felled lesser men but there were no knockdowns although both were staggered.

Vasquez's best punch was a right and Smith employed a pile driving left hook, which had the Mexican grimacing in pain but Smith himself was groggy in the second.

Les Baker had Californian, Joey Vincent on the run and ran out an easy 10 rounds points winner in a light-weight clash.

Baker, after 10 wins out of 11 fights in America was boxing pro for the first time in his home town and the locals were pleased with his aggressive style and gave him a warm ovation at the end. A good right cross in the second dropped Vincent and his eye was also cut in a fight that Baker won clearly.

Sydney Bensch, 157¼, outscored Michel le Roux, 160, 4; Gerry Bodenstein, 171½, outbanged Jan Breytenbach, 168, 4; and Andre Nel TKO'd Naas Labuschagne in 4, welterweights.

▲**DURBAN** — Moses Mthembu, 137, scored an upset at Curries Fountain in spoiling the debut of Transvaal's Norman "Pangaman" Sekgapane, 137½, in outpointing him over 8 rounds. It was a close victory. Sekgapane attacked strongly in the first three rounds to put Mthembu away landing clean and solid punches. From the fourth Mthembu began to outbox the "Pangaman" causing him to fight on the defensive. Sekgapane however landed heavy blows and left hooks and the decision was booed by the fans at the end.

Rocky Mabaso, 129, outscored Meshack Mncube, 127½, over 8 rounds in an exciting fight. Mabaso dropped his man in the fourth and was cheered all the way to the dressing room.

Pat Shabalala, 129, decisioned German Sicwa, 127, 6; Peter Mathebula, 111½, upset Joe Ngidi, Jr., 108½, 6. Enoch Nkwanywana outpointed Thomas Nkomo, 4, junior lightweights.

▲**DURBAN** — On the winning side once again middleweight Elijah "Tap Tap" Makhathini gained a TKO decision when his opponent Joe Sishi failed to answer the bell for the seventh round at Curries Fountain. Not a great fight, both boxers being reluctant to exchange blows in the first three rounds.

Round four saw Makhathini landing hefty blows to the body. Sishi's wild swings were easily avoided and Makhathini tripped and fell to the canvas. In the next two rounds Makhathini kept up a relentless attack.

Johannes Mashela upset in outscoring Joe Ngidi, flyweights, 6; Richard Ndlovu outbanged Alson Mncube, 6, middleweights; Jackie Coleberg iced Absalom Mdlalose, 3, lightweights; Rocky Mabaso shaded Cynet Shabalala, 6, lightweights; Phutuma Khuboni was too tired after fighting the night before and lost to Abraham Mbonambi, 6, middleweights.

▲**TEMBISA, PRETORIA** — James Mathato decisioned Ezra Mzinyane over 10 rounds at the Rabasotho Hall to annex the Transvaal Light heavyweight title. Keeping up a continuing attack Mathato, though crude against the more experienced Mzinyane, kept up on the combinations. He boxed mainly on the retreat and jabbed effectively.

Experienced Mzinyane lost his cool in trying to tag Mathato with haymakers but received a beating in the process. Mathato kept his head and won the final three rounds and the decision.

Israel Khonkobe outboxed and outfought William Sefefe, 6, flyweights; Phutuma Kuboni KO'ed Elias Bohale, 4, middleweights; Simon Nxawe decisioned Paulus Buthelezi, 6, lightweights; Dely Setiba KO'ed Simon Tshabalala, 1, heavyweights.

▲**EAST LONDON** — Jonathan Dele from Nigeria decisively outpointed the Orange Free State champion Jeremiah Nzelwane over 10 rounds at the Mdantsane stadium. Dele in his second fight in South Africa had too much class for Nzelwane.

Boy Putye outscored David Moyo, 8, flyweights. Anthony Sithole outpointed Steve Khotle, 6, bantamweights. Simon Monamodi decisioned Cornett Dunjwa, 6, featherweights. Petros Sithebe outscored Griffith Mgijima, 6, welterweights.

▲**JOHANNESBURG** — At the Ellis Park Tennis Stadium before a crowd of 5,000 Jimmy Richards won the South African heavyweight title by beating the holder Chris Roos on points over 12 rounds. Richards, trained now by former champ Billy Looter, won 7 rounds to Roos' four and one was even.

Richards was aggressive thruout the fight with Roos boxing on the retreat.

Gielie Buitendag, fast rising welterweight under Duggie Miller, caused an upset in stopping welter champion Gert Steyn to retire in the seventh round. Actually the referee Stan Christodolou stopped the fight as Steyn's face was a mask of blood.

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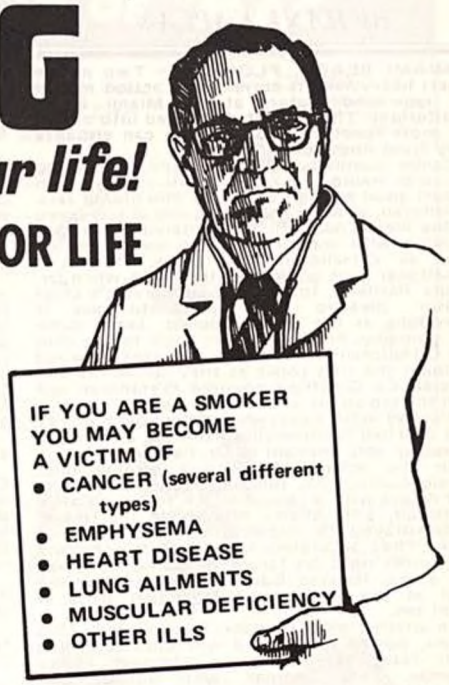

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SUMMERVILLE TOPPLES O'HALLORAN AT MIAMI BEACH

By HANK KAPLAN

MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA — Two of the largest heavyweights currently in action met in the ren-round feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium. The contest developed into one of the most spectacular brawls one can visualize away from ringside.

James Summerville, 243, Miami, opened up the ninth round of a rather hectic contest, with a spurt good enough to topple 260-pound Jack O'Halloran, a New Englander going at top speed on the West Coast. First Summerville came out smoking with leather of varied sorts, then he tired as O'Halloran took over. It was a sensational fight going into the ninth when Dr. Ferdie Pacheco, toiling as Summerville's chief advisor, pleaded with James to give it everything as the round opened. James came out swinging, pinpointing his shots to the chin and O'Halloran was felled like a giant redwood straining the ring ropes as they broke his fall. Referee Cy Gottfried counted O'Halloran out with the crowd on its collective feet.

Former WBA heavyweight champion Jimmy Ellis coached Summerville from the corner and proved an able assistant to Dr. Pacheco.

In the scheduled 8-round semi-windup, Vinnie Curto, 175, Boston, opened up in the first round with a savage attack to kayo Calvin Holleman, 178, Miami, midway in the round. Curto sprayed the midsection with a couple of hooks, then accurately landed a left hook and right cross right on target, dropping Holleman like a log. Referee Eddie Eckert stopped the fight as the bleary-eyed Holleman arose at count ten.

In another eight-rounder, Doug Rogers, 152, Miami, posted his second win since returning from Navy service as he stopped Henry Thomas, 145. Thomas, who boxed commendably, ran out of gas and was unable to come out for round six. Rogers appears to be returning to his prior form.

▲**Miami Beach** — With 1900 fans in attendance at the Miami Beach Auditorium, Marcel Clay, 169, Opa-Locka, hurdled his main test to date with flying colors as he stopped Luis Galvan, 171½, Santo Domingo, in round three of the ten round feature event on Chris Dundee's promotion. Galvan incurred a spreading gash over the left eye which the ring physician considered too dangerous to neglect. Clay dominated the first two rounds with a busy left hand and several well placed right hands while Galvan's offense consisted of a couple of rushing left hooks to the midsection. In one of his rushing efforts, Galvan and Clay bumped noggins and Marcel emerged with a three-sutered incision. The victory was Clay's 12th straight without a loss and he is now anxious to challenge Dennis Riggs for the Florida State middleweight title, a match with promoter Dundee has on the drawing board. Champ Riggs viewed the above show.

In a tough 8-rounder, Nat King, 159, Douglas, Georgia, outpunched Ernie Burns, 161¾, Miami, in a good spectator's match. This was King's first time out in nine months and showed a bit of rust as he copped the split decision.

In a sixer, Doug Rogers, 156, slugged his to a 6th round TKO over Henry Slick Mitchell, 161¾, Jacksonville. Rogers had Henry in trouble several times during the contest.

Holly Williams, 178, Dayton, Ohio, appeared to be short-changed as he dropped a split 4-round decision to Toni Greene, 173, Miami.

In another scheduled 4 round bout, Al Migliorato, 197, Miami, knocked out Jeff Harris, 189, Miami, in the first round.

▲**Miami Beach** — Promoter Chris Dundee gave young Billy Williams, 189½, London, the chance he apparently deserved as he paired him against the seasoned Brian O'Melia, 195, Jersey City, N.J., in a ten-round feature event at the Miami Beach Auditorium. With only six pro fights behind him, Billy used a rapid-fire left jab and landed with good combinations on the plodding O'Melia, to capture the unanimous decision. O'Melia stalked Williams all the way and never faltered. He obviously looked for the big tag all night but it never came as the shifty Williams showed signs of improvement and maturity.

In a companion tenner, Oliver Wright, 193¾, Kingston, Jamaica, ran into a tartar as the elusive Larry Renaud, 196, Montreal, Canada, slipped and blocked the powerful leather thrown by the former Olympian from Jamaica. This was Oliver's initial ten-round bout and with persistence, emerged with a unanimous decision. Renaud, a Canadian now headquartered in Tampa, taught Wright plenty of defensive tricks and fought only in spurts but enough to entertain the ringsiders. Wright gained his fifth straight and still unbeaten.

In a scheduled eight-rounder, Vinnie Curto, 177, Boston, stiffened John Henry Jones, 177½, Melbourne, in round two. Curto boosted his unbeaten record to four straight as he decked Jones with a left hook for the final count.

Making his professional debut in a four-rounder, Holly Williams, 179½, battled Al Migliorato, 197, to a unanimous draw. The contest delighted the fans who saw each boy alternately take the offensive in a tight duel of youngsters.

A three-round amateur bout saw Mike Bombaro, 155, Opa-Locka, stop Irwin Axelrod, 152, Miami, in round two.

The show drew 2,858 fans to the Miami Beach Auditorium.

▲**Miami Beach** — After only five sterling performances at the Miami Beach Auditorium, former Olympic entry from Kingston, Jamaica, Oliver Wright, 195, was pitted against the experience of Vicente Rondon, 191½, Caracas, the former WBA recognized light heavyweight champion, and dropped a unanimous decision after ten rounds of exhaustive fighting.

Wright set a fast pace from the outset but Rondon, waiting for him to tire, took over from the fourth round, teaching his young opponent some inside tricks. Fighting at an accellerated pace, Wright took the first three rounds but couldn't muster up the energy to continue. The judges voted as follows; Referee Cy Gottfried called it 47-44, Judge Bob Eisenman and Judge Jim Ruby saw it the same at 47-45, all for the Venezuelan.

Promoter Chris Dundee had 2,365 watching at the Auditorium.

In the semi-windup, Mendoza fighter Vinnie Curto, 173, Boston, took a unanimous decision over Bernie Bennett, 181, Tampa, as he dominated the action over 8 rounds. Curto won his **6th straight** in convincing fashion and from this vantage point appears to be the finest light heavyweight prospect in the South.

In a sixer, Ike Hooks, 146, Phila., scored a TKO over Al Cook, 149, Brunswick, in the last round.

In a four-rounder, former amateur champion from Boston, Rickie Samaratana, 138, won the judges' verdict over Henry Thomas, 141, Miami.

In another scheduled four-round bout, the entertaining and talented Al Migliorato, 197, Wampum, knocked out Ted Carver, 250, Melbourne, in the third round. Migkiorato is very popular here and has the fans screaming as he approaches ringside with his paisley robe and hood.

▲**Miami Beach** — Though promoter Chris Dundee's recent series of fight shows have been of superb variety, it is doubtful any of his future match-ups will ever approach the fight action produced by Billy Wagner, 178½, Cleveland, in his eight-round technical knockout over courageous Vernon McIntosh, 176½, Savannah, Georgia. It became immediately obvious to the 2537 fans watching that the less durable opponent would exit the ring a loser before the prescribed distance. Both fighters, anxious for more ambitious quests, went at it hammer and tong, with blasting shots thrown in every effort. This is the only way these two know how to fight. McIntosh set a fast pace and forced Wagner to counter with his own offense. Wagner proved the sharper with the blows that counted in the eighth round when he put McIntosh in enough trouble for referee Eddie Eckert to stop the action. However, McIntosh was very much a part of the action as Wagner admitted Vernon had him on wobbly legs just before the end in the ten-round feature at the Miami Beach Auditorium.

In the semi-windup, Vinnie Curto, 177, Boston, remained undefeated through 7 outings as he outpointed Guillermo Escalera, 173, Puerto Rico, in eight rounds. Though he gave away height and reach, the brilliant Curto won in convincing fashion.

In another eight rounder, Ike Hooks, 146, Philadelphia, scored a seventh round TKO over Radames Checo, 142, San Juan.

In a sixer, Rickie Simaratana, 136½, Boston, decisioned Henry Thomas, 145, Miami, in a wild spree.

In a four-rounder, Hollie Williams, 181½, Dayton, Ohio, and Tony Greene, 178, Miami, fought to a draw in their return match.

▲**Miami Highlights** — Persistent Johnny Hudgins, at 195, came through for manager Pat Curry as he stopped Bert Perry, 235, Nassau, in the fourth round at the Nassau Stadium in the Bahamas. . .The Florida High School Activities Association, in a near unanimous vote, waived the long standing and highly contraversial rule prohibiting participation in boxing by high school athletes until such time that the entire membership of the FHSAA can vote on it. . .Joe King Roman, heavyweight who once boxed out of Tampa, was a recent visitor to the Bay City. . .New Tampa boxing promoter Keith Lancaster, who has taken over the Tampa Boxing Enterprises Gym and promotion is well underway with boxing activity in the one-time boxing hot-bed. . .Nestor Rojas, who thrilled Miami fans with his punching as a featherweight, returned to Venezuela because of an expired visa. . .Former world welterweight champion Kid Gavilan is aiding in the development of prime prospect Eddie Davis of Tampa. . .Mike Decca and Mark Schwartz, both University of Miami students and middleweights, fought a rousing feature battle at the City of Miami Arena with Decca emerging the decision victor. . .One of the most determined battlers on Dick Lee's weekly amateur show is Milton Bankston, a baby-faced light heavyweight with latent talent showing up with each outing. . .Jackie Allbright, Miami's primary hope in the National Golden Glove tourney, lost in the finals at Boston. . .Larry Mujica and Freddie Terhune are doing an effective teaching job with kid boxers at the Sweetwater Athletic Center. . .Willie Thomas, 221, Miami, beat Rich Raiser, 185, in the main amateur event at Avon Park.

Moe Roth, a former tough Brooklyn scrapper who boxed guys like Al Felder and Nat Pincus, is now president of the thriving Certified Egg and Poultry Company in Miami. . .Hilton Smith, a former featherweight who once beat Jose Napoles while boxing out of Miami, has a promising protege light heavyweight named Sweet Marlin Lewis in Tampa. . .The willing Milton Bankston, a light heavyweight on Dick Lee's amateur shows, is proving a spectacular performer as he comes from behind to win contests. . .Gene Shawver, Recreational Director for the Avon Park Correctional Institution, is doing all he can to promote the sport of boxing among the inmates who travel state-wide to compete in various tourneys. . .Eddie Ludlow, Harry Bellafonte, Jimmy Mackey, all former pro battlers and Ernie Burns and Frankie Otero, current operators, deserve much credit for their contributions toward the very successful Dick Lee amateur promotions at the New City of Miami Arena in Dinner Key, Coconut Grove. . .Runner-up in the Southern Regionals at the Nashville Golden Glove Tourney, Sammy Massias, Homestead middleweight, continues to fatten his record as he whipped Paul Peaks of Newark his last time out at the City of Miami Arena. . .Frankie Otero is prepping for a big name in the immediate future as lined up by Promoter Chris Dundee.

SUMMERHAYS, PADUANO, GRAY SCORE IN TORONTO CARNIVAL

By FRANK ALLNUTT

TORONTO, Can. — The All-Canada promotion at the Maple Leaf Gardens featured three ten round bouts and attracted 5,500 fans. In the first ten, light heavyweight champion Gary Summerhays (Brantford), 173, KO'ed Al 'Spider' Quinney at 1:41 of the final round.

Spider, who weighed in at 160, had no intentions of trading punches with his heavier opponent.

The referee did nothing to put action into the bout, it was allowed to deteriorate and decay for nine rounds, much to the dismay of the fans. It was not until the final round that Summerhays managed to get two hands free at the same time to drop Quinney for an eight count. Quickly dropped a second time. The Buffalo fighter was through for the night.

In the semi-final middleweight match, Donato Paduano (Montreal), 154½, was extended the full ten rounds by Roscoe Bell (Miami), 157. During the first four rounds, Bell made quite a showing and the Montreal boxer look far from impressive.

Midway through the fifth round Bell was rocked with a couple of good stiff jolts causing him to stay away from his opponent. Any fighter that gives Paduano room to box is in trouble. Once he got the range against Bell it was just a matter of how much the Miami boxer could take. Stung several times by the jabbing left hand of Paduano, followed by jolting short right hand shots, Bell stormed right back.

In the tenth round, most of the fans were applauding the fighters, they had seen ten rounds of action which had been void of any clinching. At the final bell the officials called it 49-37, 48-41 and 48-43 all in favor of Paduano. Both boxers were cut over the left eye. The fans gave the Miami fighter a standing ovation.

Canadian and Commonwealth welterweight champion Clyde Gray (Toronto), 150, was featured in the main event against 'Prince' Jimmy Hamm (Miami), 141. A quick finish for this scheduled ten. 101 seconds after the opening bell a left hook to the body and Hamm was on the canvas, through for the night. It was a hard punch, the only one thrown during the short period it lasted. Hamm was away out of his class. Gray pushed his record to 37-2-1.

In a six round heavyweight brief a 279 pound 'blimp' who has the ring name of 'Him' (real name Horst Geisler) flattened Joey Dinardo, 227, after 2:54 of the first. Both are local fighters, 'Him' was making his pro debut.

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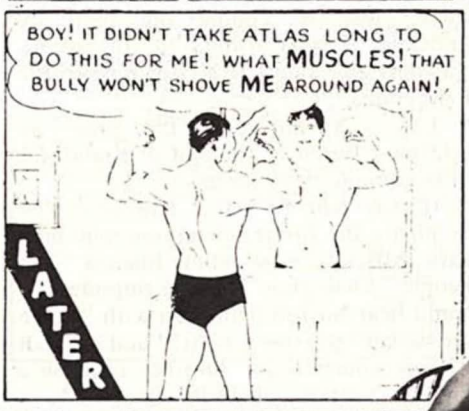

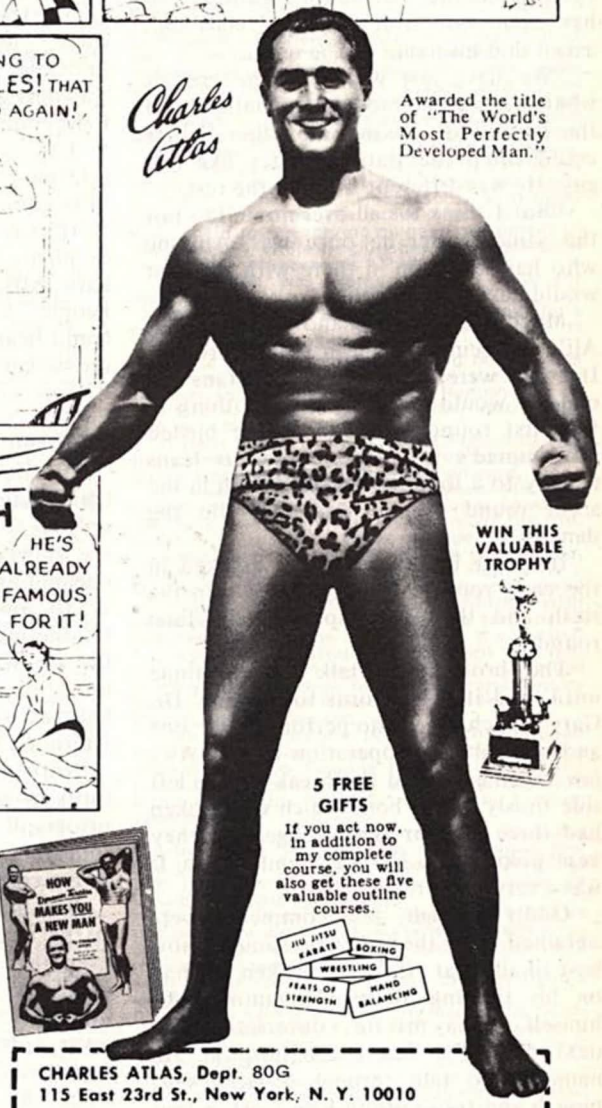

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JAW BUSTER NORTON'S SIDE OPPOSES DELAY IF FOREMAN IS READY TO DEFEND HIS TITLE

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Muhammad's attorney, Bob Arum, was quoted as saying, "He just wasn't in shape for this one."

Another quote came from promoter-writer Harold Conrad: "Ali just didn't get in shape for Norton and I told you long before the fight that he had better be in better condition than he was for Joe Bugner. He wasn't, though, and this was the big thing. I think he's gone stale and maybe this will be a lesson for him."

Perhaps the most moving comment came from one Ali camp follower who has been with him since the start and asked that his name not be used.

"We have just witnessed the end of what may be the most charismatic era in the history of boxing. No other fighter could catch the public's fancy like this guy. He was different from all the rest.

"But I think it's all over now. He's not the same fighter he once was. Anyone who has seen him in there with the best would have to admit that."

Much has been said and written about Ali's jaw being broken in the first round. If a vote were taken today, most fans and experts would say they saw nothing in the first round that could have busted Muhammad's jaw. The consensus leans heavily to a looping Norton punch in the sixth round as the one that did the damage.

It could be Ali's jaw was cracked in the early rounds, damaged further in the sixth and then torn apart in the final round.

The broken jaw talk will continue until, and if, Ali returns to the ring. Dr. Gary Manchester, who performed the one and one-half hour operation to wire Ali's jaw together, called the break on the left side thusly: "The bone which was broken had three or four jagged edges and they kept poking into his cheek and mouth. It was a very bad break."

Oddly enough, few comments were obtained from the man who should know best of all what effect the broken jaw had on his fighting ability—Muhammad Ali himself. In a private conversation the next day at a San Diego hospital, Ali managed to talk through a wired-shut mouth and told visiting Ken Norton that he would like to fight him again and warned his conqueror of the dangers to be found in "women, cars and hanger-ons."

He is not reported to have complained once about the jaw being busted or used it as an excuse.

Trainer Angelo Dundee also showed class by saying to the press: "We've had our share of the good days and you have to be able to take the bad with the good. This day belonged to Ken Norton and to the people of San Diego. . .it was a great win for both!"

But enough of the after-fight talk. Norton came into the fight weighing 210 pounds and never looked more fit. After a slow first round, Ken took the second and seemed to sense things would go his way.

He made Ali cover up in the fourth with a good right and scored heavily in the sixth. In the 10th round, Norton had Ali in a clinch and lifted the 221-pounder off the deck and laughed at him after moving him a few feet in the air.

Having weathered a pretty good attack by Ali in the 11th, Norton somehow got his strength back in the final round to completely dominate Muhammad and came close to ending the bout by knockout. It was evident to all that Ali was hurt and about to go down when the fight ended.

Later, Norton told the press he informed Futch at the end of round six, "I'm going to beat this guy."

It was odd to watch and hear Ken dominate the former champion who may have difficulty now calling himself "The Peoples' Champion." Sitting ringside you could hear Norton taunt him with "Come on sucker, give me a fight!" and "Watch it, here comes one." Another time on a break, Norton playfully gave Ali a backhand and laughed, "Wheeee!"

It was strange and difficult to comprehend why Ali went up on his toes only in the third and 11th rounds. If this was indeed part of a plan it was an odd one and losing strategy.

Ali looked heavy, stale, disinterested for the most part, and worst of all, it was the former champ who appeared to fit the billing of a "ham and egg fighter". . .at least on that particular afternoon in San Diego.

Norton, of course, is enjoying the fruits of his labor. He gets asked for his autograph everywhere he goes, personal appearances are being lined up and now he is a celebrity.

But things have not always been easy in the world of boxing for Ken Norton. Even though he went into his fight with Ali having lost only once in 30 fights and winning 23 by knockout, his fame had never spread much beyond San Diego. And even here there were many who asked the question, "Whom did he ever beat?" Well, they don't have to ask that one any longer.

Norton is a late-comer to boxing. After two years of college, he joined the Marine Corps and it was there he got his start in the ring. Capturing three All-Marine titles in boxing and winning the Pan American Games Trials, Norton was runner-up in the 1967 National A.A.U. tournament held in San Diego.

Turning pro after his discharge from the Marines following a 4½-year hitch, Norton fought and won his first fight, Nov. 14, 1967, in San Diego, by knocking out that year's Golden Gloves national champion, Grady Brazell, in five rounds.

Norton rattled off 16 straight wins, all but one by kayo, before being caught in a careless moment by Jose Luis Garcia in Los Angeles. Ken would rather forget that one, but it's in the records as a loss by knockout in eight rounds to the lanky fighter from South America.

Following the loss to Garcia, the services of hypnotist Dr. Dean were put into use. There is no question it has helped Ken gain confidence in himself and to know the fine line between being overconfident and sure of one's abilities.

Dean also implanted some words of advice from Futch into Norton's subconscious mind. There are those who doubt the importance of Dean in Norton's success, but the fighter himself is quick to say it has been a contributing factor.

Always in top condition, Norton did have a fault in his past training that he admits to.

"Sometimes I would think that such-and-such fighter should last only four or five rounds and I would prepare mentally and physically for that distance. That was a mistake on my part," he admits.

As for the fight with Ali, Norton went into training at Gilman Hot Springs about a month prior to Muhammad's March 21st arrival in San Diego, where he worked out at the LeBaron Hotel.

While Ali clowned, danced and sang his way into the hearts of those who paid $3 to see the daily act, Norton plugged away with six-mile runs in the morning and long stints in the gym on the heavy and speed bags. His sparring partners, Eddie Jones, Henry Culpepper and Pete Williams, will vouch for the fact that Ken took his training seriously and was ready to go the distance.

Since everyone seems to get in his two cents' worth as an expert, let me say that in my opinion the March 31 fight was not won in the ring March 31 by Ken Norton, but at his training camp starting in the middle of February.

While Ali looked weary and spent between rounds in the late stages of the fight, Norton was sitting cool and confident in his corner, hardly sweating and ready to go on when the bell sounded.

Unlike most fighters, Norton did not have a tough and hungry youth. His dad, John Norton, worked for many years as an engineer in the Jacksonville, Illinois, fire department until illness deprived him of a leg. Now he is employed as a communications officer with the police department.

His mother, Ruth, is a tall woman with gentle ways, and is active as a therapist at Jacksonville State Hospital. Ken is the only child of the Nortons.

Another side of Ken Norton is his dual role as fighter and father. Since his divorce five years ago, he has taken care of his son, Ken Jr., who is now six and lives with his dad in a suburb of Los Angeles.

Ken trains in Los Angeles but calls San Diego his home.

Ken had to learn the hard way about caring for a youngster, since he gained custody of his boy when Ken Jr. was only 14 months old. "The greatest discovery I've made in my life," he noted, "was that disposable diapers were being manufactured."

To some people Norton comes off as being a little cocky at times. But this 28-year-old man is still a boy in many ways. He enjoys teasing people and flirting with pretty girls. He wears sharp, but not flashy clothes, walks with a strut at times, and seems to say, "Look out world, here comes Ken Norton!"

His current pride and joy is an expensive, sleek automobile that is his first splurge in life. He has a warm, genuine smile that makes everyone he meets feel at ease.

Where does Norton go now? Well, the days of James J. Woody, Jack O'Halloran, Herschel Jacobs and Emperor Harris are over. Everyone is beating a path to his door to issue a challenge.

A title fight with George Foreman is the goal of Norton, his trainer and his backers. They feel he has the boxing ability and strength to become champion of the world.

His knowledgeable trainer is of the opinion Ken should not sit around and wait for a title shot to come his way. "I'll let Norton (he never calls him Ken) have a little fun and then it will be back to work again," Futch commented.

If a fight with Foreman does not materialize, look for Norton to fight one of several men listed well up in the ratings: Jerry Quarry, Jimmy Ellis, Ron Lyle, or Joe Bugner.

"We're interested only in fighters ranked in the Top 10," says Futch. "Sure, there would be an element of risk involved, but there always is anytime a fighter gets into the ring."

So it would seem the years of toil and frustration have ended for Ken Norton. He no longer will have to put up with being called Ken What's-his-name.

When Muhammad Ali was wheeled into the emergency room of Clairemont General Hospital with his broken jaw, a nurse was informed the patient was Muhammad Ali. "Muhammad who?" she asked.

Our Apologies, Miss Will; The Word Was "Leavens"

RECENTLY you published an article I wrote about Bev Will, lady co-publisher of the Australian FIGHTER Magazine. Unfortunately, a printer's error in the last paragraph made the whole concept wrong.

That paragraph, as written, was:

"Bev's stories are of the type that would be bought by a general magazine rather than a boxing one, but she LEAVENS out the style in FIGHTER – and that magazine has a legion of women readers as well as men. The circulation of the magazine has increased – perhaps because of the feminine touch. The girls like her style; the men believe she adds glamour to a sport that too often is berated by the uninitiated as a blood sport."

Ray Mitchell,
Gymea,
N.S.W.,
Australia.

WEPNER TAKES 10 OF ●12 IN BEATING MARQUART●

By RONNIE (BURNS) BOUSE

North Bergen, N.J.—Chuck Wepner, 220, kept his Jersey heavy crown intact at Jimmy Colotto's Embassy Hall when he won a points decision over Paterson's Billy Marquart, 205, of Paterson.

The Bayonne fighter won 10 of the 12 rounds on referee Dick Woehrle's scorecard. Chuck had a rough night in quite a few rounds in addition to receiving a cut eye and bruised hand. Size and savvy made Wepner the victor.

The semi-eight saw George "King" Aidoo, 157, transplanted Ghanaian now of Vaux Hall, N.J., again prove he can end a fight within the distance when he made the veteran Ramon Beras, 160, Dominican Rep., his 10th KO victim in the 5th.

Adolpho Viruet, 140, outpointed fellow New Yorker Tommy Roane, 140, in an exciting six.

Pablo Nieves, 124, fell a TKO victim in three to Will Quinones, 126. Walter "Rocky" Lombardo, 147, New York, won a four rounder over Eli Negron, 145.

▲**Elizabeth, N.J.**—Mario Rosa, 159, Paterson, southpaw twice loser in previous battles with Lenny Harden, 159, won big in their third fight at the Armory and stripped Harden of his state 160 pound lead. The Paterson lefty looked like a champ as he excelled in all but two of the 12 rounds. Boxing a heady fight, mixing tons of right jabs, hooks inside and out had Harden bewildered and when the fight was over referee Barney Felix's card read Rosa 10 rounds, Harden, one, and one even.

Joe Grier, Paterson's Golden Gloves and All Army, 135, champ, won a close eight over Vic Baerga, 135, Puerto Rico.

A tenner saw Pedro Acosta, 195, Paramus, outpoint the veteran Charlie Polite, 230, Springfield, Mass. In spots this was an interesting contest which saw the New Englander rely on his bag of tricks to last the distance.

Willie Classen, 166, P.R., scored a second round TKO over tough Joe Merced, 165, New York.

The opener saw Chas. Haywood, 163, New York, TKO Percy Halesy, Elizabeth, 166, in the third round.

RAMON BEATS KECHICHIAN IN TEN IN FAR-OFF NOUMEA

By RAY MITCHELL

Noumea, New Caledonia — Australian and British Commonwealth junior-middleweight champion Charkey Ramon (156¼) made a big jump into world junior-middle ratings by solidly outpointing Frenchman Jacques Kechichian (154) over ten rounds in the basketball stadium here.

At the end of the bout — before the decision was announced — Kechichian raised Ramon's hand in victory.

It was a solid fight all the way, although only one official awarded the Frenchman a round. As I saw it from the ring apron, Kechichian won the first round, the third was even, and Ramon won the remainder.

The program, which began with a series of amateur bouts, followed by a six-round professional contest, a ten-round pro bout, four more amateurs, and finishing with another ten-round pro fight that ended at 12:40 A.M. the following morning, was a triumph for promoters Philippe Godard and Sam Lai Sun.

In Kechichian, Ramon was meeting his most formidable opponent to date. More than half of the Frenchman's fights have ended in KO victories, and he had lost only four times, three by points decisions (Max Cohen and Emile Griffith were two to outpoint him), and one on a foul. Kechichian was rated by WBC and WBA when he stepped into the ring against Ramon.

Although aggressive, tough and strong, Kechichian is not a swashbuckler. He carries his forearms vertical in front of his body, his gloves in front of his face. He presents a difficult target. Ramon, on the other hand, is looser, hands held lower, relying on head movement to slip punches, while he punches hard with both hands from wherever his hands are.

Kechichian was warned a few times for holding.

Kechichian was shaken to his toenails by a right to the jaw in the fifth round, and he grabbed Ramon for dear life.

In the first six rounds each had been on the defensive but from the start of the seventh through to the end of the last, Ramon was on the attack. He forced Kechichian around the ring but could not drop him.

A right uppercut first put the Frenchman on the defensive, and Charkey re-introduced this punch frequently from that time onward.

Charkey had a good cheer squad. His boss outside boxing had flown to Noumea to watch the fight, and several friends also made the trip. Charkey's father also was at ringside.

After the fight Kechichian's manager, Philippe Felippi, said: "Charkey Ramon is a very good fighter. He is very strong and a good sportsman. His technique will improve with experience, but right now he is a formidable opponent for anyone his weight in the world."

Two other Australians boxed on the bill. Leo Young (141½) met Frenchman Baldassari Piccone (141½) over ten rounds, and Bricky Squire (136½) met New Caledonian Noel Hmae Kaoutch (138) over six.

The Young-Piccone bout was fireworks all the way. Young is a flashy boxer and a showman. When Piccone hit him hard in the first round, Young thrust out his chin and told Piccone to do it again — which Piccone promptly did!

Young was warned in the second, third and fourth rounds for coming in with his head low and bobbing from side to side. The referee told him in the fourth that if he did it again he would be disqualified.

But that is part of Young's style. He does not butt, nor did he in this contest. However, in the fifth round he came in again in the same manner and was disqualified.

It was rough on Leo who did not fight a outside the rules at any stage.

Piccone held a good points lead at the finish but was weakening fast, and Young probably would have finished all over him as he was fresh and was in charge in the fifth frame.

Bricky Squire, older brother of Charkey Ramon (their family name is Ballard), accepted a preliminary bout because he wanted to see brother Dave (Charkey) in action. Bricky is a main-event boxer in Australia and is in Australian ratings.

Squire lost the decision on points, one of the officials awarding a draw. I thought Squire was unlucky not to receive the decision. He certainly landed more punches than Kaoutch did.

Noumea is a good fight town, even though there is only one local professional — Kaoutch.

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when it was stopped. Stevens was warned for hitting with the open glove in the fourth.

Kevin Finnegan, Cowley, 161, had an easy points win over American Alvin Anderson, 154½, scoreline after eight rounds being 40-38¼.

Finnegan stuck to his boxing, varying his attack against an awkward opponent who relied mostly, on right swings, some of which landed, but several were off-target.

Southern Area champion Finnegan is in line for a British title fight, and in this contest proved he is a competent challenger.

Alan "Boom Boom" Minter, Crawley, 161¼, continued his winning run by outpointing substitute Frank Young, Belfast, 162, over eight by 40-39. A clear enough victory on paper, but Young was able to expose one or two of Minter's limitations.

This was to be expected, for Alan was taking part in only his tenth pro bout.

The experienced Young made Minter's nose bleed, and the latter's right eye was swollen. The Irishman gave a cagey display, making him miss badly at times, catching him with rights to the head and counterpunching efficiently at times.

But Young could never sustain his work, and southpaw Minter kept his right jab working, provided most of the aggression and stepped up the pace in the later rounds to put the issue beyond doubt.

All good experience for Minter, who, after all, is still a learner.

Clive Hogben, Kettering, 125½, outpointed Scottish bantam champ John Kellie, Glasgow, 124½, over eight by 39¾-39¼, but the latter seemed good enough value for a draw.

Substitute Kellie had been inactive for six months, but used his greater experience to good effect in keeping his younger opponent at bay. John finished the more strongly, with Hogben showing skill and aggression throughout, and an even contest resulting.

In one of the best fights between young prospects seen recently at this venue, Vernon Sollas, Edinburgh, 127, gained his second successive pro win by knocking out Martin Galleozzie, Merthyr, 127½, in the seventh round.

The 18-year-old Sollas took all Galleozzie had to offer for three rounds. His nose bled in the first from a hard left jab, but he came back in fine style to take over the fight and gradually wear his man down and set him up for the knockout.

This was action with terrific applause at the end of each hectic session. Sollas' right cheek was swollen, Galleozzie's nose bled, but they battled like a couple of terriers until Sollas put his man down at the end of the sixth.

The bell rang at seven, Galleozzie was up at nine, but this knockdown had taken too much of him, and after 30 seconds of the seventh Sollas got home with two rights to the head that put his man down for the full count.

▲Wembley Pool — Promoter Harry Levene is an astute man. He made two matches on this bill, with the idea of pairing the winners, and ultimately to promote a World title contest.

John Conteh, 174½, stopped German Rudi Schmidtke, 174¼, in twelve rounds to annex the latter's European light-heavyweight title; and champion Chris Finnegan, 171¾, kept his British and Commonwealth light-heavyweight crowns by outpointing Welshman Roy John, 171¾, over 15 rounds.

For Conteh, it was his first bout at this weight, and he won it handsomely. Some said it was taking quite a risk to toss him in at the deep end, but how wrong they proved.

It showed that manager George Francis knew exactly what he was doing when agreeing to this match. It means that as European champ Conteh will in the not-too-distant future meet Finnegan with three titles at stake, and the winner of this one will challenge Bob Foster.

But all that's in the future. Conteh undoubtedly put up the greatest performance of his career. Whereas Finnegan had to struggle a bit against Schmidtke in their recent European title fight which Chris lost on a cut nose, Conteh was in command throughout.

The Liverpool boxer stamped his authority on this one from the word go. They exchanged jabs for a couple of rounds, then the pattern was set with a right-left combination that shook the German.

A swelling under Schmidtke's right eye appeared in the fifth, and he took a lot of punishment in this round.

A right to the jaw sent Schmidtke to the canvas in round six, followed by two more visits. It really looked like the beginning of the end, in fact it should have been, but somehow the German survived and managed to keep on the move in the following round.

Surprisingly Conteh didn't sustain his attacks in the eighth, which gave the German the chance to score with a few neat jabs, and this continued in the following round, with the Briton biding his time. It might have been the fact that Conteh had never before boxed 15 rounds, and consequently wanted to make sure he paced the fight correctly.

In any case, the German was now bleeding from the nose and his face showing signs of Conteh's power.

Conteh put on the pressure in the 11th, jabbing frequently and jolting his opponent's head back. Schmidtke was game enough, but very tired.

The 12th proved to be the last. Conteh crashed three successive rights to the head that had Schmidtke reeling along the ropes, and another cut appearing, this time by the left eye.

This was the signal for Conteh to give it everything he had. The German was defenseless as he took rights and lefts to head and body. Referee Bernard Mascot of France stepped between them to give the champion the advantage of a mandatory eight count, with the German still standing.

Then, as the eight was completed, Mascot said that the German was not fit to continue, and led him to his corner.

This was only Conteh's 19th bout. Considering that it was his light heavy debut, an outstanding performance. This gave manager Francis two champions. He already had British middleweight titleholder Bunny Sterling.

Finnegan turned back the challenge of Welshman John, but not until after the latter had given him some anxious moments.

In fact, for five rounds John looked the champion and Finnegan the challenger, as the former did most of the attacking.

Chris just didn't seem to be able to put them together properly, and his timing was off. But by the sixth he was getting back into the fight. He gradually took over, putting authority into his southpaw right jabs and driving his man back.

John never gave up. He was contesting it fiercely right up to the final bell, and Chris never could afford to relax.

The only knockdown came in the twelfth, when a left to the jaw put John down for nine. As he rose Finnegan threw everything at him in an attempt to finish it off. But John survived, and in spite of a cut left eye and a bleeding nose saw it through.

Referee Wally Thom's scorecard of 74¾-72¾, presumably giving John only one round, didn't appear fair to the Welshman after his fine display in the early rounds, and was greeted with boos.

It was easy for British middleweight champion Bunny Sterling, 165, who decisively outpointed American Dave Adkins, 164, over ten rounds by 49¾-48.

Former world heavyweight champion Jersey Joe Walcott, who was in Adkins' corner, had told us he considered Dave a fine prospect, but the latter boxed a purely defensive fight, and displayed little positive action.

The bout proved disappointing, but Sterling did his best to make something out of it, and could not be blamed.

Alan "Boom Boom" Minter, 161½, gained the most important win of his career by outscoring Harry Scott, 162, over eight rounds.

In nine victorious fights Minter has shot up to No. 3 in the British middleweight ratings. He was fully extended on this occasion.

The score of 39¾-39 was about right. Scott is 35 years old and Britain's longest-serving pro, but still a match for anyone in the division. Although Minter proved too young and fast for him Harry managed to get home several hard right swings to the head that couldn't have done Minter any good.

As usual, Alan boxed coolly, using his southpaw right jab to good effect, and his feet to avoid Scott's rushing tactics. When Harry tired, Minter increased his pace, having his man under pressure in the final session.

Fine progress by Olympic Bronze Medallist Minter, who had tremendous vocal support, and has brought with him his amateur following.

John H. Stracey, Bethnal Green, 148¾, outpointed Puerto Rican Jose Peterson, 142, 40-39, over eight.

Peterson kept busy, and Stracey could never relax, but the British boxer provided the cleaner punching throughout.

Les Stevens, Reading, 193½, had little difficulty in outpointing Raul Gorosito, Argentina, 205½, over eight by 40-38¼, but the fight wasn't attractive. Gorosito's rule infringements, for which he incurred several warnings, hurt him.

Stevens was the better boxer, and Gorosito had little to offer apart from a few swings and plenty of stamina.

▲Wolverhampton — Local middleweight Larry Paul, 158, gained a fine points victory over Spaniard Antonio Torres, 158, by 40-38¼ in their eight-rounder.

It was only Paul's third pro fight, and considering that Torres had floored Jackie Turpin 16 times before outpointing him twelve months earlier it was an impressive performance.

No fireworks this time from Paul, who had won his two previous bouts quickly by power-punching, but he did have the opportunity of proving that he can box as well as fight.

Perhaps the fact that world heavyweight champion George Foreman was watching from the ringside had something to do with Paul's performance.

Tim Wood, Leicester, 190, kept his unbeaten record against another unbeaten heavyweight, Woody Vuckovic, Carshalton, 223, with an eight-rounds points win. Score, 39½-39¼.

Vuckovic had a considerable weight advantage, but Wood jabbed effectively on the retreat, covered up well and produced an impressive final round to snatch the verdict.

After a four-years lay-off, working in his father's bookmaking business, Jimmy Jennings, Birmingham, 146, convincingly outscored Ray Fallone, Battersea, 144½, over six by 30-28½, which means he won every round.

Jennings found it easy to score with a variety of punches from both hands.

Dave Parris, Tottenham, 187, outpointed Bruce Woodward, Stafford, 188, over six by 30-28¼. Debutant Woodward must pay more regard to his defences.

Tony Davies, Cardiff, 114¾, jabbed and hooked his way to an eight-rounds points win over John McKnight, Glasgow, 116¾, score 39¾-39¼.

It was Davies' third win over McKnight.

▲Anglo-Welsh Sporting Club, Caerphilly — In a scrambling bout, Pat Thomas, Cardiff, 146½, outpointed Amos Talbot, Manchester, 147, by 39¾-38½. Talbot later announced his retirement.

Talbot was twice down for short counts, and warnings were issued to both boxers for infringements like holding and ducking low.

Thomas deserved victory, but it wasn't a contest to remember.

"Nobbins" were thrown into the ring after Kenny Webber, Manchester, 148½, had stopped Phil Dykes, Skelmersdale, 147, in the fifth after flooring him for eight in the second.

Dai Davies, Cardiff, 146, made a fine pro debut by stopping Erroll Francis, Wolverhampton, 147, in five. As there are two other boxers of the same name currently campaigning, this one will be called "Taffy" Davies.

Taffy kept up the pressure throughout and looked good material.

Ray Jenkins, Caerphilly, 170, outscored Granville Lloyd, Pontypool, over six "twos" by 30-29.

A scrappy affair in which debutant Lloyd was not quite good enough to keep out Jenkins' jabs.

Mike Manley, Pontypool, 163, stopped Dave Nelson, Wolverhampton, 160, in the opening session, hooking well to the head, and Nelson, although still upright, was taking a bit of

punishment.

The previous month Manley had been knocked out in his pro debut.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — Southern Area middleweight champion Kevin Finnegan, Hayes, 159¾, put up a fine performance in stopping American Leon Washington, 158½, in seven rounds.

The loser started well, and was beating his man to the punch for three rounds. Then it was the reverse, and in spite of an injury by the right eye Finnegan gradually got on top, and Washington tired badly.

There were no knockdowns, and the stoppage was thought by some to be premature. But there could be no doubt that Finnegan was in command.

Des Morrison, St. Ives, 143¾, outpointed Belfast southpaw Des Rea, 148½, over eight by 39¾-39. It was Morrison's second win over Rea, but in fairness the latter was a last-minute substitute on this occasion.

Both had facial damage, and it was the cleaner more accurate punching of Morrison that turned the scales, although Rea fought grimly until the end.

Joe Gregory, Mitcham, 161¾, outpointed Len Gibbs, St. Pancras, 156, over eight by 39¾-39. An all-action affair with the taller Gregory jabbing well, and shaking him in the fifth, only for Gibbs to attack with renewed energy. Gregory's right hand was on target in the later stages, and he deserved his win.

George Lewis, Earlsfield, 176, outscored Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 178¾, by 30-29¼ over six. Gooding provided most of the aggression, with Lewis countering well. It looked a bit closer than the scoreline.

▲**Bedfordshire Sporting Club** — Maxie Smith, Teesside, 174, continued his successful comeback with a sixth-round win over Ade Ajasco, Nigeria, 174½, with the referee intervening when Ajasco walked away from the action.

Smith set his man off with hard left jabs, dumped him on the bottom rope in the fifth, and was punishing him at will when it was stopped.

Vernon Shaw, Mottingham, 175¾, halted Steve Foley, Bedford, 177½, in three. The referee intervened when Foley took a hard right to the face, but the latter wasn't happy at this decision.

Mario Stango, Bedford, 130½, made a successful pro debut by outscoring Kenny Singleton, Alfreton, 133½, by 30-28½, over six. Southpaw Stango punched accurately and often, and showed promise.

Another debutant, Paddy McAleese, Bedford, 141¼, also won, outpointing Bob Martin, Newcastle, 143, over six by 30-29. It was Martin's third bout and first defeat.

▲**Watford Town Hall** — Southern Area lightweight champion Noel McIvor, Luton, 140, fought well to overcome a hand injury and outpoint Hugh Clark, Battersea, 142, by 39¾-39.

The injury occurred in the second round, and McIvor had to switch tactics, allowing Clark to come to him, then counterpunching well. Clark was always in the fight, but McIvor boxed coolly, not being able to take any chances because of the hand injury.

Gerald Gooding, Barbados, 177, outpointed Randolph Turpin, Leamington, 175, over eight by 39¾-39¼. The experience of Gooding was too much for Turpin, who shook his man in the opening session, but tired in the later stages.

Peter Blake, Southend, 149, avenged a defeat by outpointing Ray Fallone, Battersea, 146, by 30-28½ over six. Blake won every round.

Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 142, couldn't have made a better pro debut, knocking out Kenny Davis, Leamington, 141, in the first round.

The bell ended the session with the count at "four," but in accordance with the rules continued to "ten" with Davis still down.

▲**World Sporting Club, London** — Richard Dunn, Bradford, 206½, impressed in knocking out American John Griffin, 185½, in three rounds. A left to the chin did the trick, Griffin fell flat on his back and was well and truly out.

The American was game enough, but didn't put up much opposition, allowing Dunn to get on top early on, the latter using his weight advantage to drive his man into corners and pound away with little resistance.

Griffin took punch after punch, was saved by the bell in the second and finished off in the third. Even the appearance of George Foreman didn't inspire him. It was Dunn's seventh successive win.

Plenty of action when Alan Tottoh, Manchester, outpointed Central Area welter champ Mickey Flynn, also from Manchester, over eight by 39½-39. Both were inside the stipulated weight of 150 pounds.

The score of 39½-39 was just about right, with Tottoh, inactive for five months, fighting back against the aggression of Flynn.

Both had facial injuries. Flynn got a cut over the right eye in the opening session, and his nose and mouth were also cut, as was Tottoh's lip.

Southpaw Flynn used his speed to good effect in the early stages, with the more skilful Tottoh picking his punches well. Fortunes fluctuated, as one appeared to edge in front, then the other.

Tottoh punched the more cleanly and varied his attack well, but Flynn gave him a shock in the seventh when shaken by a left to the jaw, and would not concede defeat until the final bell.

Pat Dwyer, Liverpool, 161, repeated a previous victory by knocking out Mike McCluskie, Caerau, 161, in four rounds. He had outpointed him.

McCluskie was floored in the first, and twice more in the third before being counted out as he was trying to get up from a fourth knockdown.

Roger Barlow, Coventry, 190, showed a lot of courage by getting up from three knockdowns and then knocking out Dave Hallinan, Cricklewood, 212, in the seventh round.

Barlow was floored twice in the first, again in the third, but rose to take the fight to his man, slow him down, and set him up for the kill.

Hallinan was down in the sixth from a right swing, and kayoed by a right to the chin.

▲**York Hall, Bethnal Green, London** — There was a near spectacular ending to the fight between Johnny Frankham, Reading, 175½, and American Charlie Green, 176¼. After only nine seconds Green brought over a right to the side of the head, a devastating punch, and down went Frankham. How he rose we shall never know, but he did, managed to survive the round, and went to an eight rounds points victory, 39½-39.

Southern Area light-heavyweight champion Frankham is a fine defensive boxer and he needed all his experience to keep out of trouble as Green tried desperately to land another haymaker. But although he threw several, none of them did any great damage.

Once he had collected his wits and got his left jab working there wasn't a lot of doubt about the outcome. Green tired in the later stages, more from his own efforts.

In the last three rounds Frankham was scoring with a good right cross, one or two of which stopped Charlie in his tracks.

Once Frankham had the fight in hand, he did his usual bit of clowning, which must have been quite a relief after that early knockdown.

In an exciting eight-rounder Mickey Piner, Hayes, 126, outscored Charlie Parvin, Glasgow, 125½, by 40-39.

It was punch for punch, with Piner proving the stronger at the finish but the margin certainly didn't seem as large as the scoreline indicated.

Arthur Winfield, Nottingham, 160, stopped Bob Murphy, Manchester, in the fourth. Southpaw Murphy was floored in the opening round, but got up immediately. He rallied well, but when Winfield opened out in the fourth Murphy was driven into a corner where body blows put him on one knee. The fight was then stopped.

Mick Hussey, Islington, 163, came back to winning form after two successive defeats by stopping Johnny Wright, Canning Town, 163, in five. Wright was floored for five, whereupon the referee intervened, Hussey was handicapped by a cut left eyebrow.

Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 145, kayoed Roy Stevens, Vauxhall, in two rounds. Both had nose bleeds. A right to the chin did the trick.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Southern Area lightweight champion Noel McIvor, Luton, 137½, outpointed George Evans, Merthyr, 138, over eight by 40-38½. Evans afterwards announced his retirement from the ring.

Both jabbed well, but McIvor was the busier and deserved his win. Evans tried hard to keep in the fight, and occasionally countered well, but didn't do enough positive work.

The White brothers from Wells, both won. Kevin, 150¼, outscored Dave Moore, Grimsby, 153¾, over eight by 39¾-38½, but Liam, 151, had it much harder in outpointing Peter Blake, Southend, 151½, by 39½-39¼ over the same distance. Both Kevin and Liam had eye injuries.

▲**North Staffs Sporting Club, Stoke** — No trouble for Johnny Cheshire, Peckham, 138, in outpointing Jamaican Jimmy Fairweather, 138½, over eight by 40-38¼.

Cheshire was able to bring all his skills into play against a slower opponent, and had his man in trouble in the second round with good combination punching.

Fairweather went to the canvas, and complained to the referee that he was having trouble with his left eye. The count reached eight, and Jimmy was ordered by the official to get up and continue the fight.

This he did, and for a while tried to take the fight to Cheshire, but the latter was too fast and boxed too well for him. Johnny dominated this one.

Paul Bromley, Wolverhampton, 135, won the first part of the fight but faded and allowed Tony Cunningham, Liverpool, 137½, to gain a well-deserved draw over eight.

Cunningham looked to be in trouble from a right to the chin in the second, but the bell interrupted Bromley as he followed up, and this was his last chance of nailing Tony. Never much between them.

Barry Clough, Stoke, 174, was fortunate to gain an eight-round points win over Pat Thompson, Southend, 174, score 39½-39¼. This reversed a previous verdict, but Thompson should have made it two-nil.

Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 144½, stopped Dave Taylor, Liverpool, 145, in four.

Billy Belnavis, Wolverhampton, 131, gained confidence in the second half of contest to outpoint Tony Chapman, Southend, 131, over six by 29½-29.

▲**Midland Sporting Club, Solihull** — Two bouts ended in the first round. In the top-liner Paddy Graham, Belfast, 121¼, stopped Les Pickett, Merthyr, 122, in 2 min. 55 sec. A left hook shook Pickett, and set him up for another left, then a right. As he went down the referee intervened.

George O'Neill, Wolverhampton, 135, was up a ladder painting his new house when he was asked to box as a substitute the same night. He stopped Hugh Clark, Battersea, 140, in 1 min. 55 sec.

A left hook floored Clark, and as O'Neill hammered away the referee intervened.

Angus McMillan, Glasgow, 137¼, won his "rubber" match by outpointing Simon Rawlings, Wolverhampton, 137½, by 39¾-39¼, McMillan being cut by the left eye in the sixth.

Angus's brother Freddie McMillan, Glasgow, 143, won his return bout with Don Burgin, Shotton, 143, outpointing him by 39½-39, over eight. When they met previously the result was a draw.

▲**Great International Sporting Club, Nottingham** — Pat McCann, Harrow, 162½, stopped former Southern Area middleweight champion Eric Blake, Harrow, 164¼, in five rounds. Blake later announced his retirement from the ring.

Southpaw McCann was in command throughout. Blake tried hard to get to grips, but was invariably pulled up by McCann's right jabs.

Blake was down twice in the fifth, and was on the receiving end when the bout was stopped.

Tony Poole, Kettering, 147, outscored Dennis Brannigan, Middlesbrough, 150, by 39½-38¾ over eight. Brannigan started well, but Poole persevered, and used his left jab to good effect in the later stages. Brannigan was cut by the left eye and his nose bled.

Over six rounds, Keith Nugent, Stoke, 150, outpointed Agustus Simms, Brixton, 149½ by 29½-29.

Joey Singleton, Kirby, 144½, made a successful pro debut by easily outpointing Barton McAllister, Tooting, 141½, over eight by 40-39.

Singleton, the 1971 ABA lightweight champion, floored his man in the second, and although he tired slightly, understandably, he kept an accurate left jab working to ensure victory.

▲**Bull Ring Sporting Club, Birmingham** — Dave Roden, Birmingham, 205, made it eight wins in eleven bouts by convincingly outscoring Dick King, Northampton, 202, over eight by 39½-38¾.

Roden boxed well within himself throughout, left jabbing well against an opponent who came forward all the time and who finished strongly.

Alan Hardiman, Hemel Hempstead, 143, knocked out Jimmy Jennings, Birmingham, 146, in five after flooring him twice.

Alex Pernasky, Alfreton, 175, outpointed Barry Clough, Stoke, 173, by 29¾-29½ over six. These two punched it out with no thought of defence, and there was little in it.

▲**St. Andrews Sporting Club, Glasgow** — Alan Richardson, Fitzwilliam, 125, outpointed substitute John Mitchell, Kirkcaldy, 122, by the almost unheard-of scoreline 40-36¾, over eight rounds. There were no knockdowns, yet quite a few rounds must have gone to Richardson by half a point.

Richardson left-handed his man accurately for round after round then switched to the body to have Mitchell covering up and tiring, but the latter was as game as they come.

Danny McCafferty, Glasgow, 163, made it four in a row by beating Granville Lloyd, Cardiff, 163, who retired at the end of the fourth with a cut over the right eye.

All McCafferty's victories have come inside schedule, and manager Jim Murray, who also looks after former British lightweight champion Jim Watt, has a fine prospect here.

John Smith, Glasgow, 153½, stopped Mike Manley, Pontypool, 157½, in three after flooring him for eight.

▲**Top Rank Suite, Swansea** — Billy Waith, Cardiff, outpointed British featherweight champion Tommy Glencross, Glasgow, over eight by 39¾-39 in a non-title fight. It was Glencross' second successive defeat.

Not everyone agreed with this decision, or the margin of the score. Glencross did his best to force it from the first bell, but Waith boxed mostly on the retreat. A frustrated champion got warnings for low blows and incorrect punching.

Only in the final session was there a

toe-to-toe exchange as Waith for once stood still and punched it out, but it was for the most part a chase, and as invariably happens, the man doing the chasing can look bad doing so.

Jeff Burns, Swansea, 159½, outscored Ronnie Hough, Liverpool, 162, by 39½-39¼. A hard scrap, with both showing plenty of aggression.

Graham Murphy, Merthyr, 137½, outpointed debutant Eric Williams, Llandeilo, 137½, over six by 29¾-29¼. Southpaw Murphy made the most of his height and reach advantages.

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, Manchester** — Central Area featherweight champion Billy Hardacre, Liverpool, 128½, had to pull out all the stops in order to gain an eight-rounds points win over George McKay, Edinburgh, 129, by 39½-39.

Hardacre's experience finally clinched it over a man who was having only his sixth bout. The champion won the early rounds, then McKay found his range and left jabbed to good effect as he wisely kept his opponent from getting in close.

But he couldn't keep Hardacre out forever. In the last three rounds Billy got on top and kept there. Game display by young McKay.

Dave Grantley, Hull, 127½, outscored debutant Barry Harris, Manchester, 126, by 29½-29¼, but the decision brought a storm of protest from members, and it was five minutes before M.C. Nat Basso could make himself heard enough to announce the scores.

Debutant Billy Hall, Sheffield, 138, was trailing on points when he knocked out Bill Kotey, Ghana, 136, in the sixth and final round.

Jess Harper, Manchester, 143, outpointed Keith Nugent, Stoke, 147, by 30-29 over six, Harper's seventh successive victory.

▲**West of England Sporting Club, Bristol** — Southpaw Eddie Neilson, Swindon, 212, conceded over two stones to Woody Vuckovic, Carshalton, 243, and stopped him in five.

It was Neilson's ninth win in ten bouts, and he came back well after being taking some good left jabs in the first couple of rounds from Yugoslav-born Vuckovic.

Nevertheless there had been no indication of a quick finish when a right uppercut sent Vuckovic back on his heels, Neilson following up with hooks.

The bell saved Vuckovic, but in spite of furious corner-work by trainer Larry Gains, the former British Empire heavyweight champion, failed to get him ready for the following round.

Johnny Rushton, Doncaster, 164, outscored Les Avoth, Cardiff, 161, over eight "twos" by 39½-39. An all-action contest in which Avoth took two short counts but neither willing to concede an inch.

Jimmy Corrigan, Doncaster, 150, outpointed Ray Thorogood, Cardiff, 150, by 29¾-29½ over six "twos."

▲**Anglo-American Sporting Club, London** — Dave Needham, Nottingham, 118¾, official challenger for the British bantamweight title, had it easy against Puerto-Rican Eddie Rivera, 124½, stopping the uneven bout in the third.

In this battle of southpaws, Needham was much taller and punched too fast for Rivera, who was being driven all over the ring when it ended.

The Puerto Rican was never in the fight, and seemed bewildered at the speed of Needham's attacks.

Trevor Francis, Basingstoke, 148½, won his return bout with Dave Davies, Bangor, 149, outscoring him over eight by 39½-38½, which rather flattered the winner. Previously Davies had won by a quarter of a point.

This time there was no doubt that Francis deserved his victory. He jabbed well, and Davies was floored at the end of the fifth.

Peter McCann, Birkenhead, 180, kayoed George Lewis, Earlsfield, 181, in 1 min. 58 sec. It was McCann's seventh straight win, all inside schedule, five in the opening session.

Ray Jenkins, Hendon, 117½, stopped John McKnight, Glasgow, 120½, on an eye injury in the last of their six-rounder.

▲**National Sporting Club, London** — Former British junior welterweight champion Des Rea, Belfast, 149½, outpointed Scottish welter champion Alan Reid, Edinburgh, 148¾, over eight by 39¾-39½.

Reid was down for a short count in the first round, and after that fortunes fluctuated with Rea's greater experience and ringcraft the deciding factor.

Alan Salter, Peckham, 142, beat Paul Bromley, Wolverhampton, 138, the bout being stopped in the third when Bromley sustained a cut by the left eye. Bromley was floored twice in the third.

John Smith, Glasgow, 153½, stopped Dennis Brannigan, Middlesbrough, 152, also on an eye injury in the third.

Barry Clough, Stoke, 178, outpointed Vernon Shaw, Nottingham, 177, over six by 29¾-29½. Clough was always the busier and the cleaner puncher, but Shaw never gave up.

▲**Blackpool Sportsman's Aid Club** — Peter Freeman, Bolton, 200, stopped Dave Roden, Birmingham, 198, in four after flooring him thrice. Roden's left eye was cut, and Freeman's nose bled in a crowd-pleasing bout. The latter's right hand was too lethal for Roden.

Jess Harper, Manchester, 141, beat Don Burgin, Shotton, 138, the bout being stopped at the end of the fourth when the latter's left eye was injured.

Billy Hall, Sheffield, 137, outscored Bob Martin, Newcastle, 140, over six by 29¾-29¼.

Nigel Williams, Buckley, 182, easily outpointed Alex Pernasky, Alfreton, 180, over six by 30-28¾.

BRISCOE PUTS HERNANDEZ OUT OF ACTION IN THIRD

By NIGEL COLLINS

Philadelphia, Pa. — When Bennie Briscoe hits them, they go! Art Hernandez was no exception. Their scheduled 12-rounder, at the Spectrum, was all over in 1:19 of the third round.

Referee Pete Tomasco called Brisco off after he had dropped Hernandez for the fourth time in three rounds. The Nebraskan beat the count but had rubber in his knees when Tomasco wrapped a protective arm around his waist. Further punishment would have been pointless.

In round one, "Bad" Bennie set Hernandez up with his jab and then smashed him to the boards with an overhand right to the forehead. The same pattern was repeated in the second chukker as Art kissed the canvas two more times. The final knockdown in the third frame was once again caused by the Philadelphian's right.

Hernandez said that he had expected Bennie's punching power but that he was surprised by the jab. "He can really snap it out there," said Art. He weighed 160, a pound heavier than Briscoe.

The bout drew 5,200 paying customers for a gross gate of $32,700.

All of the excitement on the undercard came with the pro debut of jockey Paul "KO" Kallai. Paul, who rode 5 horses at Garden State earlier in the day, got licked over the four round distance but put up quite a show. Decked by Leroy Krienbrook in the second, third, and fourth rounds, Kallai provided plenty of action between trips to the floor. He had the muscle but lacked science.

With time running out in the last round, Kallai even managed to drop Krienbrook with a flurry along the ropes. The 112-pounders still were slugging it out at the bell. The fans showered the ring with money, a happening unprecedented in recent Philadelphia ring history.

South Philadelphia's Alfonso Hayman, 149, pinned Gabe Bowens, 151, against the ropes in the seventh round of their scheduled eight and unleashed a non-stop barrage that lasted until the referee intervened at 1:41. The New Yorker was trailing badly.

Mike Everett, 140, kept his winning streak intact with a second round KO over Clevelander Willie Williams, 135, and Jimmy Savage, 150, bested Ivan Eastman, 150, New York, over 6 dull rounds.

▲**Atlantic City, N.J.** — Professional boxing returned to this resort after an absence of ten years with an action packed show that left the fans screaming for more. The man responsible for the renaissance, Frank Gelb, was encouraged by the crowd of 2000 and plans to run on a regular basis in Convention Hall's 3000 seat ballroom.

The promotion was major league all the way except for the New Jersey Commission's instance on two minute rounds.

Richie Kates, 175, dispatched New York's Ron Oliver, 179, in 1:55 of the second round. The finishing punch was a left hook to the chin that punctuated a series of punishing combinations. The Bridgton, N.J. boxer has won all but one of his 20 starts and has scored 13 KO's.

Trenton's Willie Daniels, 136, beat N.Y.C.'s Richie Villanueva, 132, in the 8-round semi-final. Both fighters scored repeatedly with clean shots in a close battle that could have gone either way.

Local favorite Rochelle "The Roach" Norris was awarded a TKO when Henry Lawson failed to come out for the fourth round. For Norris, who held a 12-pound advantage at 202, it seemed a lucky break. Rochelle appeared to have punched himself out in the third.

Southpaw Fred Bryant, 123, lost his pro debut to Hector Diaz, 126, New York. Bryant was runner up in the 1972 AAU Nationals.

Johnny Rohland, 141, Old Forge, Pa., pounded out a 4-round decision over Billy Bell, 138, Baltimore.

"Prince" Nikita Tarhocker, 145, scored a one punch KO over Norman Farrell.

ECHEGARAY DISPOSES OF KID TOLEDO IN NINTH

By SIMON BRONENBERG and ALFREDO PORZIO

Buenos Aires, Argentina — Victor Ehcegaray, top contender for the junior lightweight title, stopped Bernardino Kid Toledo, of Paraguay, in the ninth round at Luna Park. Echegaray has challenged Kuniaki Shibata, who took the world title from Ben Villaflor.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — In the welter class Octavio Escauriza and Hugo Ladino drew in 10 rounds. **Middles:** Gregorio Navarro beat Roberto Marcioli in 6 rounds.

▲**San Lorenzo** — In the heavy class, veteran Telmo Gonzalez outpointed Edmundo Farias in 8 rounds.

▲**Caletta Oliva** — In the middle division Cesar Duarte (undefeated) beat Roberto Rizziardi by a TKO in five.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — In the middle division Juanito Sanchez beat Rafael Lascano on points in 10.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Undefeated Mario "Hammer" Miranda beat Luis A. Reyes (Uruguay) by a TKO in fourth round. They are junior welters.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — In the welter class Omar Zarza beat Alberto Pili by points in 4 rounds.—(Medical decision)

▲**Rio Tercero** — Lightweight Leandro Pereyra and Americo Munoz drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — In the junior welter class Rodolfo Madriaga in his first professional bout, outpointed Hector Puertas in 6 and in the feather division, in his first professional bout, Serafin Luque whipped Miguel Roffe, in 6.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — In the bantam class, ex-Argentine champion Heleno Ferrera won from Jose Silva by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Comodoro Rivadavia** — Junior middle Juan "Yanny" Garcia kayoed Anibal Rojas in first round.

▲**Rio Cuarto** — In the welter division Hugo Ladino kayoed Luis Colman in 6th round.

▲**Curuzu Cuatia** — In the junior middle division Angel Osuna and Mario Delgado drew in 10 rounds.

▲**Cordoba** — Argentine bantam champion Jose Casas kayoed Mario Rebollo in second round.—(Non title bout) **Junior-middle** Undefeated Hugo Saavedra beat Juan Prestafelippe by a TKO in seventh.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Argentine middleweight champion Antonio Aguilar beat Rodolfo Rosales in 12 rounds and retained his crown.

▲**La Rioja** — Argentine junior middle champion Miguel Angel Castellini, kayoed Roberto Carabajal in first round.

▲**Prana** — In the middle class Miguel A. Duro whipped Ruben "Chingolo" Martinez in 10 rounds.

▲**Concepcion del Uruguay** — Luis Valdez beat Miguel Bogado by a TKO in eight rounds.—They are junior lights.

▲**Obera** — In the light class Jose L. Rivero and Ramon Amaral drew in 8 rounds.

▲**Choele-Choel** — Argentine feather champion Oscar "Cachin" Mendez outpointed Miguel Aguila in 10. (Non title)

▲**Rio Tercero** — Lightweight Julian Diaz beat Jorge Espinosa by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Argentine lightweight champion Hugo Gutierrez retained his crown with Raul Venerdini, South American champion and beat him by a TKO in third round.

▲**Buenos Aires** — Bantam Benicio Sosa beat Antonio Barbosa, Brazil, by a TKO in third round.

▲**Tres Arroyos** — Lightweight Miguel A. Gutierrez beat Jose Martino by a TKO in fourth round.

▲**Parana** — Flyweight Juan C. Lazzarini outpointed Edgardo Isaurralde in 6 rounds. Middleweight Angel Osuna whipped Julio Calvetti in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Undefeated in the middle class, Hugo Saavedra beat Domingo Guerrero in 10 rounds.

Ex-Argentine and South American light jr. champion Juan Domingo Corradi and Manuel Lopez drew in 10.

▲**San Juan** — In the welter class Hugo Landino kayoed Dante Roca in third.

▲**Tandil** — In the lightheavy division Pedro Rimovsky kayoed Carlos Santagada in seventh round.

▲**San Carlos Bariloche** — Flyweight Carlos Laciar beat Felix Gonzalez on points in 10.

▲**Cordoba** — Argentine bantam champion Jose Casaa beat Marcial Franco in 12 rounds.

▲**Salta** — A "Festival of champions" **Lights:** Alfredo Coria won Julio Campagna in 10; **Junior middle:** Armando Vicente beat Alberto Almiron in 6; **middles:** Jorge Moreno kayoed Ramon Vallejos in second round; **Jr. Middles:** Lucas Paz kayoed Carlos Reato in fourth and **Welter** Catalino Sosa kayoed Francisco Fernandez in second round.

ACTION IN EUROPE

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Munich Hans Thomsen, is to turn professional.

Belgium claims 30 professional boxers at present.

In Cagliari, Sardinia, European lightweight champion Antonio Puddu, Italy, retained his crown, knocking out his French challenger, Dominique Azzaro in the first round. This was the sixth European championship contest so far this year.

Britain's Johnny Clark captured the vacant European bantamweight crown by outpointing Franco Zurlo, Italy, over the 15-round route at London.

SWITZERLAND

▲**Berne** — Welterweight. Max Hebeisen, Switzerland, outpointed Ricky Porter, ten.

▲**Winterhur** — Flyweight. Fernando Atzori, Italy, decisioned David Natta, Zambia, ten.

▲**Muntelier** — Flyweight. Fritz Chervet outscored Dino Contemori, ten.

▲**Geneva** — European welterweight champion Roger Menetrey, France, decisioned Arthur Kettles, USA, in ten but did not please the 2,000 customers, some of whom saw it a draw. The local referee and one judge voted for Menetrey 50-47, and 48-44, respectively. The third official made it even, 48-48. Lightweight. Leonard Tavarez outscored Nicola D'Orazio, ten.

SPAIN

▲**Morales** — Bantamweight. Pedro DeLa Torre outscored Rodriguez Figuero, eight.

▲**Madrid** — Featherweight. Nino Jiminez beat Munor Jurado TKO 4. Jeronimo Lucas outscored Tomas Martin, six.

▲**Zaragoza** — Ferico Fernandez took the Spanish lightweight crown from Kid Tano, winning on points over twelve rounds. Deaf mute Tano was making his ninth defense since winning the crown in 1970.

▲**Madrid** — Welterweight Dum Dum Pacheco outscored Mimun Mohata, eight. Lightweight. Jeronimo Lucas beat Agas Hausi TKO 5.

▲**Madrid** — Bantamweight. Marriano Garcia outpointed Pedro Molledo, eight. Flyweight. Jose Luis Otero and Munoz Madriles drew an eight rounder.

▲**Gijon** — Welterweight. Domingo Barrera Corpas outscored Famaso Dongil, eight. Lightweight. Gomez Fous decisioned Enrique Levy, eight. Featherweight. Marichal beat J. L. Naves, TKO 3.

▲**Figueras** — Bantamweight. Pedro De La Torre and Jiminez Morales drew in their eight. Junior lightweight. Juan Pena outscored Haddu Manan, eight.

▲**Zaragosa** — Thirty-seven-year-old Jorge Fernandez won the Spanish middleweight crown, beating Pabro Sanchez, TKO 2. Lightweight. Penco Fernandez drew in a ten rounder with Santino Reali. Junior welterweight. Juan Pena decisioned Felix Romero, eight.

▲**La Curunna** — Welterweight. Jean Gonzalez decisioned Mimouin Mohatar, eight.

▲**Almeria** — Light heavyweight. Jose Galcez beat Tony Augusto, KO 5. Featherweight. Jose Bisbal decisioned Munoz Madriles, eight. Lightweight. Manuel Alcala outscored Guillermo Perez, eight.

FRANCE

▲**Bruay en Artois** — Light heavyweight. Billy Suze beat Lionel Mercier, TKO 2. Middleweight. Freddy Boutellier beat Alfred Lagasse, TKO 1. Middleweight. Armando Patronelli and Miguel Chequer drew their eight rounder.

▲**Darnetal** — Lightweight. Rocco Zecca outscored Alfredo Di Silvio, six. Middleweight. Joel Le Guern beat Jimmy Joliveau KO 9. Junior welterweight. Vito Sederino outpointed Ottavio Quaresmini, six.

▲**Amiens** — Welterweight. Jean Claude LaFarge outpointed Ait Ahmed, eight.

▲**Noeux Les Mines** — Featherweight. Georges Fontaine beat Francis Payelle. TKO 3.

▲**Calais** — Middleweight. Yannick Dufour outpointed Ouali Khallef, eight. Welterweight. Djilai Koudier decisioned Christian Joan, eight.

▲**St. Nazaire** — Lightweight. Roland Cazeaux decisioned Raymond Dautielle, eight.

▲**Paris** — Welterweight. Yves Leferrand beat Chedli Tebourski, TKO 2.

▲**Lyons** — Middleweight. Jean Claude Bouttier, France, beat Joe Denucci, USA, TKO 8. Welterweight. Georges Perrot outpointed Pietro Gasparri, eight. Georges Warustel decisioned Christian Zimini, six. Featherweight. Antoine La Sala outscored Roger Grizon, six. Lightweight. Andre Holyk outpointed Andre Jordan, six.

▲**Grenoble** — Lightweight. Dominque Azzaro decisioned Pietro Meraviglia, ten.

▲**Soissons** — Lightweight. Ray Dautheuille outpointed Mohamed Ben Said, eight.

▲**Troyes** — Featherweight. Ernesto Mirando outpointed Rene Pigny, ten. Bantamweight. Christian Martin outscored Claude Lapinte, eight.

▲**Amiens** — Junior welterweight. Ladhili beat Jean Claude Lafarge, TKO 6.

▲**Djon** — Middleweight. Marcel Giordanella outscored Ab Abendi, TKO 9.

▲**Paris** — A crowd of five thousand, some of whom paid 400 francs for a ringside seat, produced a record gate of 916,800 francs for the venue. The main bout, a ten-rounder between Emile Griffith, USA, and Max Cohen, France, ended in a draw. Middleweight. Congolese, Billy Suze beat Mario Lamagna, TKO 7. Jose Fernandez, Puerto Rico, drew with Ould Makloufi, eight rounds. Heavyweight. Ray Anderson, USA, decisioned Miguel Paez, Argentina, eight. Heavyweight. Bagayogo Sounkalo, France, outscored Nasco Fausthino, Venezuela, eight. Middleweight. Daniel Martin, France, outpointed Louis Hamani, Algeria, four.

▲**St. Etienne** — Jean Claude Capitolin won the French light heavyweight title beating champion, Pascal Di Benedetto, TKO 4.

▲**St. Nazaire** — Roland Cazeaux decisioned Andre Jamet, ten.

▲**Thourotte** — Light heavyweight. Robert Amory beat Lionel Mercier, TKO 7.

▲**Paris** — Lightweight. Jean Piedvache beat David Pesenti, TKO 5. Middleweight. Joel Bonnetaz decisioned Alfred Legasse, eight.

▲**Dunkirk** — Welterweight. Jean Dercle beat Ben Mimoun, TKO 2.

ITALY

▲**Lecco** — Middleweight. Armando Patronelti and Miguel Chequer drew their eight rounder. Lightweight. Rocco Zecca outscored Alfredo DiSilvio, six. Junior welterweight. Vito Sederino decisioned Ottavio Quaresmini, six.

▲**Pordenone** — Light heavyweight. Onelio Grando, Italy, beat Darko Barakovic, Yugoslavia, TKO 4. Junior middleweight. Luciano Bomben beat Branko Barakovic, Yugoslavia, six.

▲**Rome** — Heavyweight. Amedeo Laureti outscored Ermanno Festorazzi, six.

▲**Mestre** — Light heavyweight. Guglielmo Spinello beat Joe Rufino, KO 3. Welterweight. Renato Zampieri beat Antonio Ramos, Brazil, KO 1.

▲**Viareggio** — Junior welterweight. Pietro Ceru, Italy, outscored Gualberto Fernandez, Uruguay, eight.

▲**Brescia** — Welterweight. Giuliano Nervino outscored Luciano Mugliarisi, eight. Bantamweight. Ambrogio Mariani decisioned Omar Cabrera, Uraguay, eight. Middleweight. Renato Romano beat Mario Coiro, TKO 8. Heavyweight. Pietro Zanola outscored Romano Peviani, six.

▲**Seregno** — Middleweight. Dante Lazzari outscored Peter Asandoh, eight.

▲**Pesaro** — Junior middleweight. Damiano Lassandro decisioned Celestino Uteh, Ghana, six.

▲**Bologna** — Welterweight. Domenico Dilorio and Anibal Dilella drew an eight rounder.

▲**Ancona** — Enzo Pizzoni retained his Italian lightweight title outscoring Enzo Petriglia, twelve. Lightweight. Rocco Zecca outscored Bruno Melissano, eight. Flyweight. Franco Sperati outscored Altero Marini, eight.

▲**Terni** — Lightweight. Efisio Pinna outpointed Nicola D'Orazio, ten. Junior welterweight. Giuseppe Carbonara beat Emile Rodriguez, KO 6. Middleweight. Gerard Nosley beat Silvano Bischeri, KO 2.

▲**Palermo** — Middleweight. Antonio Castellini beat Salah Arafa, France, TKO 3. Bantamweight. Teodoro Corallo beat Antonio Galetta, TKO 4.

▲**Pavia** — Lightweight. Luciano Laffranchi beat Roger Jabaneu, France, who collected a cut eye in the fourth.

▲**Rome** — Junior welterweight. Bruno Arcari, Italy, decisioned Cris Fernandez, Dominican Republic, ten. Junior middleweight. Anibal Di Lella outscored Mario Belsole, eight. Junior welterweight. Rosario Sanna beat Bobby Guy, Ivory Coast, TKO 2. Welterweight. Miguel Campanino, Brazil, beat Johnny White, USA, TKO 5. Ernest Berganchi outscored Luciano Laffranchi, eight.

▲**Ferrara** — Elio Contena retained his Italian featherweight title outpointing Enzo Farinelli, twelve.

▲**Frosinone** — Renzo Grespan lost his Italian light heavyweight title being outpointed by Domenico Adinolfi, twelve.

▲**Como** — Flyweight. Franco Sperati decisioned Dominque Cesari, ten.

▲**Milan** — Light heavyweight. Enzio Cometti and Miguel Chequer drew their eight rounder.

▲**Padna** — Featherweight. Luciano Sarti decisioned Willian Poltrimol, eight.

▲**Turin** — Junior middleweight. Miguel Campanino beat Francis Vermandere, TKO 6. This was Vermandere's first defeat in twenty nine bouts.

▲**Rimimi** — Featherweight. William Murgida and Giovanni Cavazzini drew in a ten rounder.

DENMARK

▲**Copenhagen** — Welterweight. Jorgen Hansen beat Pat McCormack who was disqualified in the seventh. Middleweight. Fabio Bettini, France, outscored Tom Jensen, Denmark, ten.

AUSTRIA

▲**Vienna** — Police were called in to protect officials and restore order in the Stadthalle after Carlos Duran, Italy, had been declared the winner over local Johann Orsolics at the end of their fifteen rounder European junior middleweight championship contest.

GERMANY

▲**Hamburg** — 3,500 saw European junior lightweight champion, Lothar Abend, Germany, outpoint Carlos Cappella, Argentina, over eight rounds. There was no title at stake. Brothers Gregorio and Avenamar Peralta, Argentina, won their heavyweight fights. Gregorio beat Ba Sounkalo, Mali, the towel being thrown in during round ten, and Avenamar beat Eddie Patterson, Nigeria, TKO 3. Heavyweight. Conny Velensek, Germany, beat fellow countryman, Arno Prick, TKO 3. German middleweight champion, Peter Tombers beat Spanish champion, Jorge Fernandez, TKO 2. Klaus Jakoby, Germany, drew a six rounder with Ben Belouard, Algiers.

▲**Oldenburg** — Light heavyweight. Eckhard Dagge, Germany, won his third professional fight, outpointing American Randy Stevens, over six rounds. Heavyweight. Hartmut Sasse, Germany, kayoed Ireno Werleman in round four. Leo Kakolewicz, Germany, beat southpaw, Waldi Clerc in the first. Bernard August, Germany, stopped his twelve year older opponent, Manfred Ackers, in round two. German welterweight champion Kurt Hombach stopped Min Whan Ki, Korea, in frame five and his twin brother, Randolph, junior middleweight champion, beat Turk, Burhan Yesilbag, TKO 6.

▲**Offenbach** — Walter Fischer's promotion featured a German welterweight title fight between champion, Kurt Hambach and his 35-year-old challenger, Karl Furcht. Hombach won on points over twelve rounds.

IN SUNNY CALIFORNIA

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A hard left to the stomach dropped Yuzon for the full count. Alonso now has 25 knockout wins, against two losses and two draws.

Each fighter weighed 133½.

Carlos Palimino, 147, Orange, decision over Tommy Coulson, 146, Long Beach, (6); Luis Hernandez, 134, East Los Angeles, decisioned Armando Cordova, 136½, Los Angeles, (5); Isdoro Salinas, 127½, Los Angeles, outpointed Carlos Villareal, 126½, North Hollywood, (5).

▲**STOCKTON** — Young Rudy Barro, 137, Manila, made a hit with the 2000 fans at Memorial Auditorium as he edged Pete Vital, 137, El Monte, Cal., in 10 rounds.

In a second ten, Jesus Robles, 131½, Mexico City, decisioned Mike Benitez, 132, San Jose.

In a scheduled eight rounder, Indian Yaqui Lopez, 175, Sonora, Mexico, stopped Polo Ramirez, 173, Fresno, in the seventh.

▲**SAN BERNARDINO** — Jose Martin Flores, 158, San Diego, a member of the Sid Flaherty stable, scored a sixth round knockout over Cuco Juarez, 157, Los Angeles.

Julio Lopez, San Bernardino, 133, stopped Ricardo Valenzuela, 136½, Los Angeles, (3); Carlos Perez, 130, East Los Angeles, decisioned Rudy Vielma, 128, Colton, (5); Kenny Brooks, 134, Southwest Los Angeles, decision over Sal Elizondo, 133½, Mexico, (4).

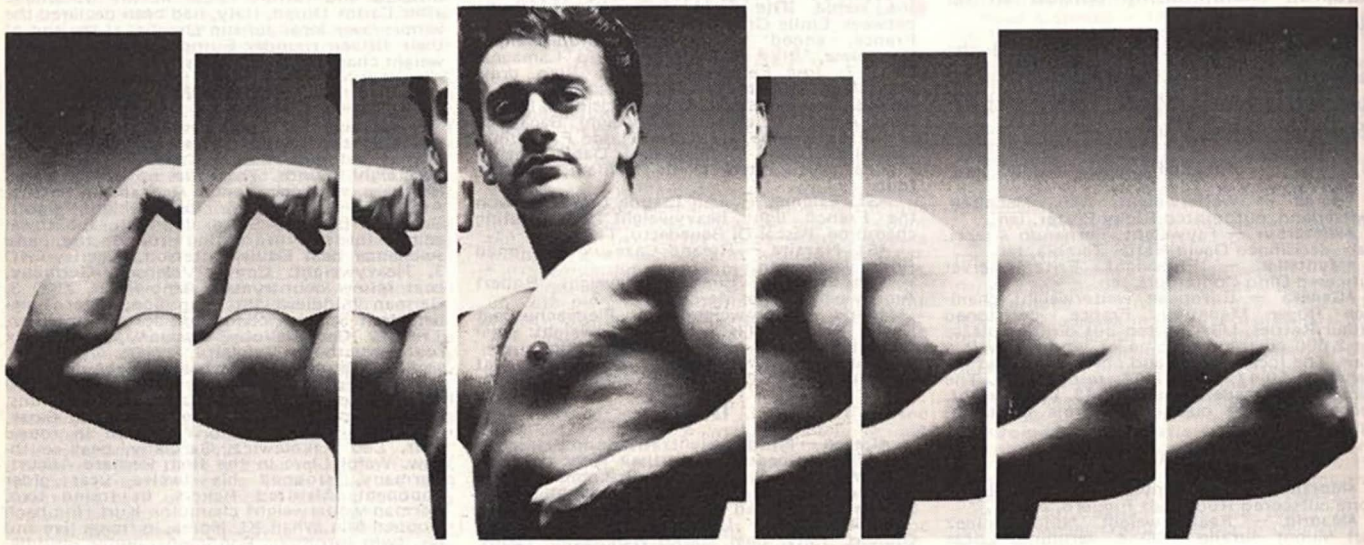
▲**LOS ANGELES** — Colorful Harugi (Flipper) Uehara, 128, Tokyo, made his Olympic Auditorium main event a successful one by taking an exciting 10 round decision over Hector Rodriguez, 129, Mexicali, Mexico.

Uehara is called "Flipper" because he does a back flip or two after every bout. When he got the verdict over Rodriguez in a no knockdown brawl, he did three flips.

Promising Luis Hernandez, 134½, made it nine straight with a six round decision over Julio Lopez, 134, Los Angeles, in the semifinal.

Flavo Besena, 118, Mexico and Hiro Hamada, 119, Japan, drew (6); Raul Acuna, 142, East Los Angeles, decisioned Jeff Lucas, 146, San Diego, (4).

POWER



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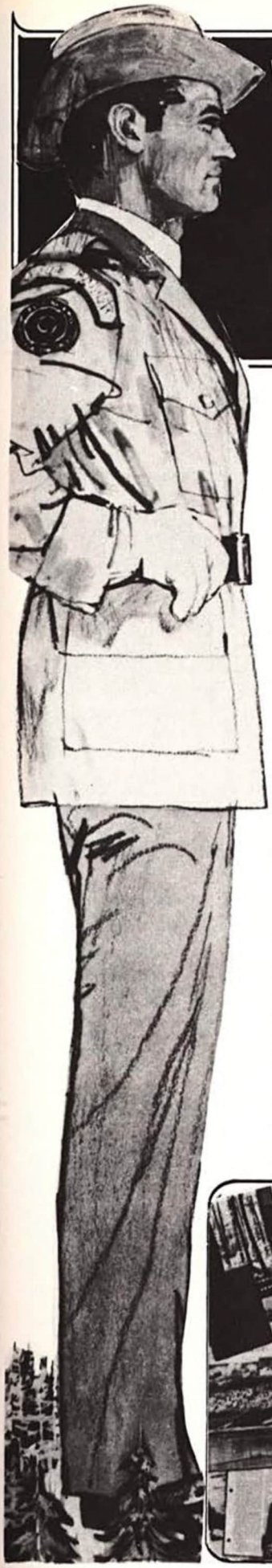

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